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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND
HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND
MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1923,
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

PHILADELPHIA

1924



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THE GRAND
HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
1795-1923

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT
MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
MARCH 8, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

PRESENT:

G. Wm. Jacobs.

Comp.	JOHN M. CORE,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	GEORGE P. DARROW,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	WALTON K. SWETLAND,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	GEORGE B. WELLS,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,	. . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	JOHN G. WILSON,	. . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	EDWARD W. RUSHTON,	. . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	GEORGE W. WELLBURN,	. . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	WILLIAM H. MICHEALS,	. . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	HARRY M. McDONALD,	. . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
"	P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER,	. . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	ROBERT A. WALKER,	. . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	FRANCIS L. BORIE,	. . .	<i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
"	RALPH C. MINEHART,	. . .	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP,	. . .	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG,	. . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	IRVIN BRANDEIS,	. . .	<i>as Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE,	. . .	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
"	HAYES H. DUNCAN,	. . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,	. . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

*District Deputy Grand High Priests:—*Companions ALBERT S. HOULDS-
WORTH, ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR.,
MILTON E. GINGRICH, JOHN H. BENNETT, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES
H. WEAVER, FRANK C. YINGST, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ROY C. STORMER, JAMES
H. REEDER, JOHN P. ANDERSON, FRANK J. WANDALL, THOMAS N. MCKEE,
GEORGE W. RODGERS, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG.

M. E. Past Grand High Priests:—Companions WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., DAVID J. DAVIS, JOSEPH E. QUINBY.

Grand Representatives.

- Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
“ WILLIAM MCCOMBS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
“ ROBERT E. UMBEL, of Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
“ ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
“ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
“ EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
“ THOMAS N. MCKEE, of Grand Chapter of Georgia.
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
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“ GEORGE P. DARROW, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
“ RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
“ WALTON K. SWETLAND, of Grand Chapter of Montana.
“ CHARLES H. TILTON, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
“ DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New York.
“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
“ THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
“ JOHN M. CORE, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
“ JAMES H. REEDER, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
“ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
“ WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 165, 169, 171, 175, 177, 181, 182, 183, 190, 192, 196, 197, 201, 202, 203, 208, 216, 218, 220, 222, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 248, 250, 251, 256, 262, 264, 270, 271, 274, 284, 297, 301, 307. (48 Chapters of Pennsylvania and one of New Jersey.) (109 members.) (37 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Annual Grand Communication, held on Wednesday, December 27, 1922, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed amendments to By-laws of Chapters Nos. 175, 182, 219, 228, 234, 275 and 286 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, February 22, 1923.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws, to whom was referred the following Amendments to By-laws of Chapters Nos. 175, 182, 219, 228, 234, 275 and 286, beg to report that they have examined these Amendments and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapter No. 218, Article VIII, Section 1, increasing fees, be approved.

That the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 228, Article II, Section 1, changing hour of meeting, be approved.

That the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 234, Article VII, Section 1, increasing dues, be approved.

That the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 175 and 286, Article IV, Section 4, increasing Secretary's salary, be approved.

That the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 275, Article VII, Section 1, increasing dues, be approved.

That the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 182, Article IX, Section 2, changing Life Membership provisions, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,

JOHN A. PERRY,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,

FENTON H. MIDDLETON,

Committee.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that with the assistance of Public Accountants, they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from November 21, 1922, to February 24, 1923, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$28,206 65
“ Certificates	2 00
“ Constitutions	10 00
“ Dispensations	3 00
“ Interest on Investments	447 75
Total	\$28,669 40
To which add Balance November 21, 1922....	7,572 23
	<hr/> \$36,241 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	\$419 40
“ Clothing and Furniture	43 00
“ Expenses District Deputy Grand High Priests..	2,182 92
“ Expenses Past Grand High Priests and other Grand Officers	1,126 40
“ Expenses Instruction in the Work	227 82
“ Investments	9,144 14
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery.....	114 79
“ Salaries	1,325 00
“ Telephones	9 98
“ Entertainment (special appropriation).....	720 75
“ Bond of Grand Officers	12 50
“ Rent of Safe Deposit Box	12 25
“ Flowers for Funeral	10 00
“ Jewel Past Grand High Priest Quinby.....	150 00
“ Assistant Tyler	2 00
Total	\$15,500 95
To which add balance February 24, 1923....	20,740 68
	<hr/> \$36,241 63

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of purchasing proper and necessary clothing and furniture for the Capitular Schools of Instruction of Grand Chapter, and that the Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to purchase the same and to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer to the extent of the amount specified or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Upon motion the above resolution was unanimously approved.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, PENNA., MARCH 8, 1923.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that bids were asked for printing and publishing the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1922, and the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, the International Printing Company.

The Proceedings will contain a steel engraving of Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest JOSEPH E. QUINBY, are now being printed and the work will be distributed at an early date.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
ROBERT W. VOGT,
Committee.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion HENRY T. WEST, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado. Died November 16, 1922.

M. E. Companion JOHN S. HARMAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died December 30, 1922.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Degree of Mark Master Mason.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by the Companions of Zinzendorf Royal Arch Chapter, No. 216, Companion WENDELL F. TRANSUE, M. E. High Priest, acting Worshipful Master.

Not only the ritualistic part of the work, but the floor movements of those who filled the various stations and places was such as to elicit well merited praise from all present.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was "called on."

The M. E. Grand High Priest called upon M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY to report for the Committee on Revision of the Constitution.

Companion QUINBY reported at length, outlining the principal features to be included in the new Con-

stitution and some of the changes the Committee contemplated suggesting.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary reported that General Returns had been received from all Chapters and Mark Lodges.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and forty-five minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

JUNE 7, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

PRESENT:

Comp. JOHN M. CORE, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ GEORGE P. DARROW, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ WALTON K. SWETLAND, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ EDWARD W. RUSHTON, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ FRANCIS M. TAITT, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ HARRY M. McDONALD, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ ROBERT A. WALKER, . . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ FRANCIS L. BORIE, . . .	<i>Grand Master of Third Vail.</i>
“ JOHN W. BRANDON, . . .	<i>as Grand Master of Second Vail.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. KROPP, . . .	<i>Grand Master of First Vail.</i>
“ ROBERT D. COLE, . . .	<i>as Grand Marshal.</i>
“ GEORGE B. HANNUM, . . .	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, . . .	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ HAYES H. DUNCAN, . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., JOHN H. BENNETT, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, FRANK C. YINGST, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ROY C. STORMER, JOHN P. ANDERSON, FREDERICK J. WANDALL, THOMAS N. McKEE, GEORGE W. RODGERS, JAMES W. MYERS, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, PETER BARKEY and CHARLES E. COOPER.

M. E. Past Grand High Priests:—Companions WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, GEORGE B. WELLS, THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., DAVID J. DAVIS and JOSEPH E. QUINBY.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
“ WILLIAM McCOMBS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
“ ROBERT E. UMBEL, of Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

Comp. ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.

“ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

“ EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.

“ THOMAS N. MCKEE, of Grand Chapter of Georgia.

“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.

“ CHARLES H. WEAVER, of Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

“ GEORGE P. DARROW, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.

“ CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

“ FREDERICK P. GLASSER, of Grand Chapter of Michigan.

“ RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

“ JAMES E. MORRIS, of Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

“ WALTON K. SWETLAND, of Grand Chapter of Montana.

“ CHARLES H. TILTON, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.

“ DAVID J. DAVIS, of Grand Chapter of New York.

“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.

“ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

“ JOHN M. CORE, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.

“ PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.

“ P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

“ WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Companions of Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 165, 169, 175, 183, 186, 196, 206, 208, 216, 220, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 240, 243, 245, 248, 250, 251, 257, 258, 262, 266, 270, 271, 274, 282, 284, 291, 301, 302, 303, 306, 307 and 56 of New Jersey. (32 Chapters of Pennsylvania and one of New Jersey.) (60 members.) (23 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 8, 1923, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 172, 189 and 285 and new codes of By-laws of Chapters Nos. 181, 187, 278 and 250 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto unanimously adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, June 7, 1923.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws to whom was referred the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 172, 189 and 285, and new codes of By-laws of Chapters Nos. 181, 187, 250 and 278, beg leave to report that they have examined the proposed Amendments and codes of By-laws and offer the following resolutions:—

Resolved, that the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 172, 189 and 285 be approved.

Resolved, that the code of By-laws of Chapters Nos. 181, 250 and 278 be approved.

Resolved, that the code of By-laws of Chapter No. 187 be amended as follows: Article IV, Section 5, by striking out “four” in the third line and inserting in lieu thereof “forty” and Article XI, Section 1, by inserting in the second line the word “two,” so that the Section, as amended, shall read “The Committee on Grievance—There shall be a Committee on Grievance, consisting of three members, two of whom shall be Past High, etc.,” and as so amended they be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
JOHN A. PERRY,

Committee.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, June 6, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the

Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from February 24, 1923, to May 22, 1923, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$2,721 05
“ Certificates	4 00
“ Dispensations	1 00
“ Constitutions	1 00
“ Interest on Investments	1,454 12
“ Interest on Deposits	161 51
“ Sale of Ledger Sheets	2 00
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	\$4,344 68
To which add Balance February 24, 1923.....	20,740 68
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	\$25,085 36

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	\$154 00
“ Clothing and Furniture	289 95
“ Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	2,000 00
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	96 21
“ Expenses P. G. H. P.'s and other Grand Officers	168 62
“ Expenses Instruction in Work	183 04
“ Auditing	90 00
“ Flowers for Funeral	15 00
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	227 28
“ Salaries	1,325 00
“ Telephones	56 66
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	\$4,605 76
To which add Balance May 22, 1923	20,479 60
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	\$25,085 36

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,

Committee.

The Committee on Finance offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the sum of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars, or so much as may be necessary, be appropriated to the Committee on Charity. Unanimously approved.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, June 6, 1923.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing requested bids from several reputable firms for printing and binding the revised Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and has awarded the contract to the International Printing Company, the lowest bidder.

We are to receive for presentation to the Grand Chapter at the September Communication pamphlet copies of the Committee's report, and when the same is adopted or amended at the December Communication will print and publish the final edition as per contract.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
ROBERT W. VOGT,
Committee.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary presented the following

ANNUAL REPORT:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., June 7, 1923.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Most Excellent Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ended December 27, 1922.

CHAPTERS.

Membership December 27, 1921, per last report.....	52,791
Admitted during the year	75
Restored " " "	135
Marked, etc. " " "	3,684
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	3,894
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	56,685

Died	during the year	774
Resigned	“ “ “	156
Suspended	“ “ “	295
		<hr/> 1,225
Membership	December 27, 1922	55,460
A gain of		2,669
Rejected		114
Restored to G. M. S.		28

MARK LODGES.

Membership,	December 27, 1921, per last report	166
Admitted during the year		5
Marked	“ “ “	1
		<hr/> 172
Died	“ “ “	17
		<hr/>
Membership,	December 27, 1922	155
Number of Chapters		149
Number of Mark Lodges		2

Fraternally submitted,
GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

A petition was received from Companion WILLIAM H. RANSOM, a Past High Priest, formerly of Chapter No. 194, of Tennessee, now a member of Chapter No. 161 of this Jurisdiction, for election as a member of this Grand Chapter under the provisions of Section 5, Article III, of the Constitution, adopted December 8, 1921.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion SIDNEY T. FOSTER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nevada. Died June 8, 1922.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM H. GAYNOR, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California. Died September 22, 1922.

M. E. Companion JOHN W. ECKLEY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nevada. Died December 11, 1922.

M. E. Companion RALPH R. EICHLIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. Died December 25, 1922.

M. E. Companion ORLANDO O. HODSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. Died January 9, 1923.

M. E. Companion JOSEPH H. JACKSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. Died January 14, 1923.

M. E. Companion CROMWELL BOWEN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. Died February 2, 1923.

M. E. Companion GEORGE E. W. STIVERS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York. Died February 17, 1923.

M. E. Companion JOHN M. CALDWELL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida. Died February 26, 1923.

M. E. Companion NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. Died February 27, 1923.

M. E. Companion TREVANI^{ON} W. HUGO, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Died February 27, 1923.

M. E. Companion FREDERICK BLOOM, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Died March 6, 1923.

M. E. Companion GEORGE THORNBURGH, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. Died March 9, 1923.

M. E. Companion HENRY M. AIKEN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. Died March 22, 1923.

M. E. Companion GEORGE W. WRIGHT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia. Died April 11, 1923.

M. E. Companion CHARLES L. PATTON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California. Died April 11, 1923.

M. E. Companion FREDERICK E. BARNES, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York. Died April 24, 1923.

M. E. Companion JOHN WEBB, JR., Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York. Died April 28, 1923.

M. E. Companion CHARLES CLARK, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. Died April 16, 1923.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM E. GANTT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina. Date of death not given.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest requested Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, to make the report for the Committee on Revision of the Constitution.

Companion QUINBY reported that while the Committee was not through with its work it was expected to have the report completed in time for the Quarterly Communication in September.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified by the Officers of St. John R. A. Chapter, No. 232, Companion LOUIS T. SEEGAR, King, acting Most Excellent Master.

The work merited the praise given by the Grand Officers and Instructors of the Capitular School.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed and the Grand Chapter was "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

SEPTEMBER 6, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

PRESENT:

Comp.	JOHN M. CORE,	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY, P.G.H.P.,				<i>Acting M. E. Grand King.</i>
"	DAVID J. DAVIS, P.G.H.P.,				<i>Acting M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
"	THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,	.			<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	GEORGE B. WELLS,	.	.		<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,	.			<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	JOHN G. WILSON,	.	.		<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	EDWARD W. RUSHTON,	.			<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	GEORGE W. WELLBURN,	.			<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	WILLIAM H. MICHEALS,	.			<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	HARRY M. McDONALD,	.			<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
"	P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER,	.			<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
"	ROBERT A. WALKER,	.	.		<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
"	FRANCIS L. BORIE,	.	.		<i>Grand Master of Third Vail.</i>
"	IRVIN BRANDEIS,	.		as	<i>Grand Master of Second Vail.</i>
"	WILLIAM B. KROPP,	.	.		<i>Grand Master of First Vail.</i>
"	AUGUST P. KUNZIG,	.	.		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
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"	RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE,	.	.		<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
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R. E. Companion HARRY M. RICE, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of New York, honored the Grand Chapter with his presence, and was received with the customary honors.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, June 6, 1923, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 206 and 308 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced that Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Grand King, was absent on official business for the Government as Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, and Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand Scribe, was confined to his home as the result of an automobile accident.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Quarterly Report, which was received and ordered spread in full on the minutes:

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, September 5, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from May 22, 1923, to August 22, 1923, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$1,286 45
“ Dispensations	1 00
“ Warrant Chapter No. 309	200 00
“ Interest on Investments	197 75
“ Sale of Ledger sheets	2 00
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	\$1,687 20
To which add Balance May 22, 1923.....	20,479 60
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	\$22,166 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

For	Charity	\$1,098 42
"	Donation to Masonic Home of Pennsylvania..	1,000 00
"	Clothing and Furniture	1,083 45
"	Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	607 13
"	Expenses P. G. H. Priests and other Grand Officers	70 00
"	Expenses Instruction in Work	181 41
"	Postage, Printing and Stationery	1,124 82
"	Salaries (Office)	1,325 00
"	Telephones	20 24
"	Auditing	25 00
"	Registering Name of Grand Chapter.....	10 00
"	Rent	3,000 00
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		\$9,545 47
To which add Balance August 22, 1923.....		12,621 33
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		\$22,166 80

Paternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,

Committee.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto unanimously adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, September 6, 1923.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of the Chapters referred to them and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 206 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 308 be not approved.

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
JOHN A. PERRY,

Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing reported that the necessary arrangements had been made for the printing of 1000 copies of the proposed Constitution for distribution.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution presented a report covering a new Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and offered the following resolution, which was unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That the proposed Constitution, Rules and Regulations be printed and sent to the Subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction, four copies to each Chapter, at least thirty days prior to the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter, with notice that the same would be considered and acted upon at that time.

The petition of WILLIAM H. RANSOM, now a member of Chapter No. 161, and a Past High Priest of Chapter No. 194, of Tennessee, for election as a member of this Grand Chapter, under the provisions of Article 3, Section 1, specification 5, was considered, and upon a ballot being had Companion RANSOM was declared elected to membership in this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reported that the name of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsyl-

vania had been registered at Harrisburg in compliance with the Act of General Assembly.

Communications were received from New Grand Chapters in Manitoba and Saskatchewan asking for recognition and exchange of Representatives, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence for report.

A petition was received from a number of Companions of Hanover, not members of a Chapter, praying for a Warrant to Constitute a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be known as Hanover Royal Arch Chapter.

Upon motion it was referred to the Grand officers, with power to act.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion ROBERT VICKERS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Montana. Died April 11, 1923.

R. E. Companion PIERRE CUSHING, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of New York. Died May 16, 1923.

M. E. Companion JOHN H. LEATHERS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Died June 29, 1923.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened and the Degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by the Instructors of the Capitular Schools at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton, Companion ROBERT D. COLE, of Philadelphia, acting Most Excellent High Priest.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was "called on."

R. E. Companion HARRY M. RICE, in a pleasing manner, presented the cordial greetings of the Grand Chapter of New York.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced that a Special Meeting of Grand Chapter would be held at 9.30 A. M. on Thursday, December 6, 1923, to consider and discuss the proposed New Constitution, to facilitate the work at the regular Quarterly Communication.

The Grand Chapter closed in Peace at nine o'clock and forty minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

DECEMBER 6, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

PRESENT:

Comp. JOHN M. CORE,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ WALTON K. SWETLAND,	. . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe, Acting M. E. Grand King.</i>
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The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at nine o'clock and thirty minutes A. M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest stated that the Most Excellent Grand King was absent on account of convening of Congress.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest stated that the business before the meeting was the consideration of the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution.

The report of the Committee was presented at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Chapter on September 6, 1923, was printed and distributed, and that its consideration would now be taken up preparatory to final action at the Quarterly Communication to be held at two o'clock P. M. this day.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest suggested that consideration at this time be given only to those Articles and Sections where changes had been made from the present Constitution, which was agreed to.

The report was then considered by Articles, and a number of changes or Amendments were suggested and accepted by the Committee on Revision, and it was then agreed that, as corrected or amended, the report should be presented at the Quarterly Communication at two o'clock P. M. this day for final action.

The Grand Chapter closed in Peace at twelve o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
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The Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of the following distinguished guests:

M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

M. E. Companion GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand High Priest, accompanied by R. E. Companion JOHN F. BIRMINGHAM, Grand King; R. E. Companion CHARLES HAMMEL, Grand Captain of the Host, and R. E. Companion HARRY M. RICE, Grand Representative, all of the Jurisdiction of New York.

M. E. Companion FRANK C. PREISS, Grand High Priest, accompanied by R. E. Companion FRANK C. SAYRE, Grand King; R. E. Companion MARION H. HALL, Grand Scribe; M. E. Companion ABRAM A. REGER, and JOSIAH S. DAVIDSON, Past Grand High Priests, all of the Jurisdiction of New Jersey.

M. E. Companion CHARLES E. WILLIN, Grand High Priest, accompanied by R. E. Companion WILLIAM A. TROTTER, Grand King; R. E. Companion GEORGE O. FEARON, Grand Captain of the Host; R. E. Companion W. O. WINGATE, Grand Master of the Second Vail, and R. E. Companion STUART J. HORN, Grand Secretary, all of the Jurisdiction of Delaware.

M. E. Companion CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest, accompanied by Excellent Companion WALTER B. TRIPP, Grand Captain of the Host, of the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM E. KRUPP, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

R. E. Companion FRED W. HILTON, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 6, 1923, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 165, 207, 248, 260, 279 and 308, and the proposed By-laws of Chapter 309, were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Trustees presented the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 1, 1923.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Trustees of Grand Chapter present this, their Fifteenth Annual Report:

There was on hand at last report, as per list herein set forth, securities as of par value of.....	\$98,400 00
There was on hand for investment.....	\$1 67
Invested by Grand Chapter during the year.....	9,144 14
Total for investment	\$9,145 81

With which were purchased:	Cost	Par
Three (3) \$1,000 Southern Indiana Railway 1st Mortgage 4 per cent. Bonds, Nos. 1304, 1305, 4670, at \$73.50 and accrued interest of \$57.00.....	\$2,262 00	\$3,000 00

Five	(5)	\$1,000	Bell Telephone of Penna. 1st and refund Mortgage 5 per cent., Nos. 25445, 25446, 25447, 25448, 25449, at \$98.50 and interest and commission, \$24.17	4,949 17	5,000 00
Two	(2)	\$1,000	Laclede Gas Light 1st Mortgage collateral and refund 5½ per cent. Bonds, Nos. 10050 and 10051, at \$96.45 and accrued interest, \$3.97.	1,932 97	2,000 00
				<u>\$9,144 14</u>	<u>\$10,000 00</u>
The accrued interest above amounting to \$77.64 was repaid in the first coupons detached therefore the net costs of the above Bonds is.....					
				\$9,066 50	

The securities now on hand in the Safe Deposit Box of the Philadelphia Trust Company, consist of the following:

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

One	(1)	\$1,000	Certificate No. 317, School, City of Philadelphia, 3½ per cent. loan of 1920, principal due July 1, 1932, interest due January 1 and July 1	\$1,000 00
One	(1)	\$500	Certificate No. 321, School, City of Philadelphia, 3½ per cent. loan of 1904, principal due July 1, 1934, interest due January 1 and July 1, .	500 00
Five	(5)	\$1,000	Electric & Peoples Stock Trust Certificate, 4 per cent., Nos. A9448, 9449, 9450, 9451 and 9452, principal due 1945, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
One	(1)	\$2,000	Certificate No. 3, City of Philadelphia, registered 4 per cent. loan, due January 1, 1945, interest due January 1 and July 1	2,000 00
One	(1)	\$500	Certificate No. 28, City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent. registered loan, due January 1, 1945, interest due January 1 and July 1	500 00
Five	(5)	\$1,000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Company Gold Loans, 4 per cent., Nos. 5976, 5977, 5978, 5979 and 5980, principal due April 1, 1931, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00

Five	(5)	\$1,000	Bonds, Reading Company, Jersey Central, collateral gold 4 per cent., Nos. 19953, 19954, 19955, 19956 and 19957, principal due April 1, 1951, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
Two	(2)	\$1,000	Bonds, Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway, gold 4 per cent., Nos. 8630 and 8897, principal due May 1, 1955, interest due May 1 and November 1	2,000 00
Three	(3)	\$1,000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, gold 4 per cent., Nos. 53233, 53232 and 59829, principal due May 1 and November 1	3,000 00
One	(1)	\$1,000	Bond, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, First Mortgage 3½ per cent., No. M2044, principal due June 1, 1997, interest June 1 and December 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1,000	Bond, No. 7023, New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk R. R. Stock trust certificates, 4 per cent., principal due June 1, 1948, interest due June 1 and December 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$2,000	Certificate, No. 21, City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent., loan, principal due January 1, 1946 (registered), interest due January 1 and July 1 ..	2,000 00
One	(1)	\$100	Certificate, No. 138, City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent., loan, principal due January 1, 1946 (coupons), interest due January 1 and July 1,	100 00
One	(1)	\$1,000	United States First Liberty Loan, 3½ per cent., coupon bond, No. 19023, due June 15, 1947, interest due June 15 and December 15..	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$2,000	City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent., registered bond, No. 33, principal due November 1, 1943, interest due January 1 and July 1	2,000 00
One	(1)	\$200	City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent., registered bond, No. 124, interest due January 1 and July 1	200 00
One	(1)	\$1,000	Bond, No. 655, City of Philadelphia, 4 per cent., registered loan of July 14, 1910, principal due July 1, 1940, interest due January 1 and July 1	1,000 00
Ten	(10)	\$1,000	United States Second Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent., coupon gold bonds of 1927, 1942, Nos. of Bonds, D00056439, D00056444, A00056441, B00056442, C00056443, A00175931, B00175932, E00056440, E00056445, D01067709, Interest due May 15 and November 15	10,000 00

Eight (8)	\$1,000	United States Third Liberty Loan Convertible, 4¼ per cent., coupon gold bonds of 1928, Nos. of bonds 477097, 477098, 477099, 477100, 477101, 477102, 477103, 477104, interest due March 15 and September 15	8,000 00
One (1)	\$5,000	United States Fourth Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent., coupon gold bond of 1933-1938, numbered C00053043, interest due April 15 and October 15	5,000 00
Two (2)	\$1,000	United States Fourth Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent., coupon gold bonds of 1933-1938, numbered G01383187, G01497744, interest due April 15 and October 15	2,000 00
One (1)	\$10,000	United States Fourth Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent., coupon gold bond of 1933-1938, numbered G00143917, interest due April 15 and October 15	10,000 00
One (1)	\$10,000	United States Fourth Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent., coupon gold bond of 1933-1938, numbered K00006260, interest due April 15 and October 15	10,000 00
One (1)	\$1,000	United States Fourth Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent., coupon gold bond of 1933-1938, numbered A01130671, interest due April 15 and October 15	1,000 00
One (1)	\$100	United States Fourth Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent., coupon gold bond of 1933-1938, numbered A02146411, interest due April 15 and October 15	100 00
One (1)	\$10,000	United States First Converted Liberty Loan, 4¼ per cent., coupon gold bond, 1923-1947, No. C00007433, interest due June 15 and December 15	10,000 00
Five (5)	\$1,000	St. Paul (Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul) Railway Equipment Trust, series A, 5 per cent., gold certificates, Nos. 7609, 7610, 7611, 7612, 7613, principal due 1937, interest due January 15 and July 15	5,000 00
Five (5)	\$1,000	Bonds, Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. Gen. 4s, Nos. 2243, 9578, 9579, 13215, 19904 principal due May 1, 2003, interest due May 1 and Nov. 1..	5,000 00
Three (3)	\$1,000	Bonds, Southern Indiana Rwy. Co., First Mtge. 4 per cent., Nos. 1304, 1305 and 4670, principal due Feb. 1, 1951, interest due Feb. 1 and Aug. 1	3,000 00

Five (5) \$1,000 Bonds, Bell Telephone Co. of Penna., gold certificates, 25-year first and refunding 5 per cent. gold bonds Series "B" receiving interim certificates, Nos. 25445, 25446, 25447, 25448, 25449, principal due Jan. 1, 1948, interest due Jan. 1 and July 1	5,000 00
Two (2) \$1,000 Bonds, Laclede Gas Light Co., first Mortgage collateral and refunding 5½ per cent., due Feb. 1, 1953, interest due Feb. 1 and Aug. 1.	2,000 00
Total	\$108,400 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER
For the fiscal year ended November 22, 1923.

Interest on Market St. Elevated R. R. Co., Gold 4s.....	\$80 00
“ “ Reading Co. Jersey Central Gold 4s	200 00
“ “ Lake Shore & Michigan Southern R. R. 3½s	35 00
“ “ New York, Philada. & Norfolk R. R. 4s.....	40 00
“ “ Penna. R. R. Gold 4s	120 00
“ “ City of Philada. 4s	312 00
“ “ “ “ “ School 3½s	52 50
“ “ Elec. & Peoples Trust Certf. 4s	200 00
“ “ Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul Rwy. Equip. 5s.....	250 00
“ “ Lehigh Valley R. R. Gen. 4s	200 00
“ “ U. S. Liberty Bonds 1st 3½s	35 00
“ “ do conv. 4¼	425 00
“ “ do 2nd conv. 4¼	212 50
“ “ do 3rd “ “	340 00
“ “ do 4th “ “	1,194 25
“ “ Southern Indiana Rwy. 4s	120 00
“ “ Laclede Gas	55 00
“ “ Penna. Co. Gold 4s	200 00
Total	\$4,071 25

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH E. QUINBY,

DAVID J. DAVIS,

GEORGE W. SEEDS,

Trustees.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3, A. D. 1923.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from August 22, 1923, to November 22, 1923, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$2,079 50
“ Certificates	4 00
“ Warrant for Chapter No. 310.....	200 00
“ Interest on Deposits	128 60
“ Interest on Investments	1,971 63
“ Sale of Ledger Sheets	5 00
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	\$4,388 73
To which add Balance August 22, 1923.....	12,621 33
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	\$17,010 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	\$115 50
“ Furniture and Clothing	249 94
“ Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	2,000 00
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	1,452 23
“ Expenses Instruction in the Work	1,022 12
“ Expenses P. G. H. P. and other Grand Officers..	666 77
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	184 62
“ Salaries	1,325 00
“ Telephones	38 48
“ Special Appropriation Entertainment	529 25
“ Clothing for Capitular Schools	2,014 45
“ Auditing	25 00
“ Rental Safe Deposit Box	10 00
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	\$9,633 36
To which add Balance November 22, 1923....	7,376 70
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	\$17,010 06

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,

Committee.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Annual Report and Estimates for the year 1924, which was received, ordered spread upon the minutes, and the resolution attached was unanimously agreed to:

ANNUAL REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of the Public Accountants, have examined the accounts and securities held by the Trustees, which show an invested fund of \$108,400.00 as fully set forth in their Annual Report to Grand Chapter.

The Committee has also examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year ending November 20, 1923, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$34,293 65	
“ Certificates	10 00	
“ Constitutions	11 00	
“ Dispensations	5 00	
“ Interest on Deposits	290 11	
“ Interest on Investments from Trustees of the Grand Chapter	4,071 25	
“ Warrants	400 00	
“ Sale of Ledger Sheets	9 00	
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	\$39,090 01	
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DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	\$1,787 32
“ Donation Masonic Home of Pennsylvania.....	1,000 00
“ Clothing and Furniture	1,666 34
“ Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	4,000 00
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests.....	4,338 49
“ Expenses P. G. H. P.'s and other Grand Officers	2,031 79
“ Instruction in the Work	1,614 39
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery.....	1,651 51
“ Rent	3,000 00

" Salaries, Grand Secretary	2,600 00	
" Assistant Grand Secretary	2,400 00	
" Grand Tyler	300 00	
	<u>5,300 00</u>	
" Telephones	125 36	
" Clothing for Capitular Schools	2,014 45	
" Auditing	140 00	
" Registering Name of Grand Chapter	10 00	
" Bond of Grand Treasurer	12 50	
" Rent of Safe Deposit Box	22 25	
" Flowers for Funeral	25 00	
" Jewel P. G. H. P. Quinby	150 00	
" Salary of Assistant Tyler	2 00	
" Special Appropriation, Entertainment.....	1,250 00	
	<u>\$30,141 40</u>	
		8,948 61
Balance November 22, 1922		<u>7,572 23</u>
		\$16,520 84
Transferred to Trustees of Grand Chapter for Investment.....		9,144 14
Balance on deposit Franklin Trust Company, November 22, 1923		<u>7,376 70</u>
The Charity and Emergency Relief Fund per last Report, No- vember 22, 1922, showed a balance of		\$1,304 94
Add, Interest credited May 21.....	\$13 04	
" " " Nov. 22	11 71	
	<u>24 75</u>	
Balance on deposit Franklin Trust Company November 22, 1923		<u>\$1,329 69</u>

ESTIMATES FOR 1924.

The Committee presents the following estimates for the year ending November 20, 1924:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$32,700 00	
" Interest on Investments and Deposits	4,350 00	
" Constitutions, etc.	25 00	
	<u>\$37,075 00</u>	
" Balance November 22, 1923	\$7,376 70	
" Less Salaries due December 6, 1923	1,325 00	
	<u>6,051 70</u>	
		<u>\$43,126 70</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Endowment Fund, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown	\$1,000 00
“ Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia ..	1,000 00
“ Charity	1,500 00
“ Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	4,000 00
“ Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests.....	4,000 00
“ Expenses P. G. H. P.'s and Other Grand Officers	1,500 00
“ Salaries Grand Secretary's Office	6,500 00
“ Salary of Grand Tyler	300 00
“ Rent	3,000 00
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	2,500 00
“ Instruction in Work	2,500 00
“ Clothing and Furniture	1,500 00
“ Investments	10,000 00
“ Telephones and Incidentals	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$40,300 00
Estimated Balance	\$2,826 70

The Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the above recommendations of the Committee on Finance be approved, and that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts named in the foregoing estimates as they become due and payable.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,

Committee.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolution thereto attached unanimously adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1923.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws beg leave to report that they have examined the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of the various Chapters referred to them, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the proposed By-laws of Chapter No. 309 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 165, 207, 248, 260, 279 and 308 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,

FENTON H. MIDDLETON,

WILLIAM R. SUTCH,

JOHN A. PERRY,

Committee.

Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, reported that his Committee expected to have the work of reviewing the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters completed by December 27th next.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1923.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that the contract for printing and binding the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for the year 1922 was completed by the contractor to the entire satisfaction of the Committee.

In May, 1923, your Committee awarded to the lowest bidder, the International Printing Company, a contract for printing the revised Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter. Pamphlet copies were prepared in time for the September Communication, and upon final adoption of the same by the Grand Chapter your Committee is prepared to complete the contract.

The total expenditure for the year for printing, postage and stationery was \$1651.51, which amount includes the cost of printing, binding and

distributing the Proceedings and postage on the pamphlet copies of the revised Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
ROBERT W. VOGT,

Committee.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary reported that all General Returns from Chapters and Mark Lodges had been received and that all dues for 1922 had been paid.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers to conduct the election for Grand Officers.

Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Past Grand High Priest and M. E. Grand Secretary, announced that he did not wish to continue as Grand Secretary.

The Tellers appointed to conduct the election for Grand Officers having reported, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the following named Companions duly elected:

JOHN M. CORE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.
GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King.
WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand Scribe.
THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.
JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest stated that the next business was the consideration of the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed to adopt the Report of the Committee as amended and corrected at the Special Communication of Grand Chapter held this day at 9.30 A. M., and that the Committee on Revision be given authority to make any necessary corrections in spelling or punctuation which might be discovered, and when so corrected it shall be the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

The Constitution, Rules and Regulations as adopted will be printed as a separate volume.

Upon motion, the following Resolution was unanimously agreed to.

Resolved, That the new Constitution, Rules and Regulations this day adopted, shall be operative on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, December 27, 1923, at noon, and from and after that date all laws, decisions, rules and regulations in Grand Chapter and the By-laws of each Subordinate Chapter in this Jurisdiction, in so far as they are at variance therewith, are hereby automatically amended so as to conform thereto.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed to tender a vote of thanks of Grand Chapter to the Committee on Revision of the Constitution.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion JAMES C. DOUGHTY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nevada. Died June 7, 1923.

M. E. Companion CHRISTIAN H. DUBORG, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nevada. Died July 2, 1923.

M. E. Companion THOMAS M. TURNER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia. Died September 12, 1923.

M. E. Companion JOHN H. LAVAGUE, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Died September 10, 1923.

M. E. Companion MILTON I. HALL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Died September 18, 1923.

Excellent Companion JAMES W. THOMAS, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Washington. Died October 7, 1923.

R. E. Companion Rev. JOHN CLAFLIN, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Died October 16, 1923.

M. E. Companion ROBERT E. NICKLES, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas. Died July 21, 1923.

Companion STEWART MCQUEEN, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Alabama. Died October 5, 1923.

M. E. Companion EUGENE A. HALL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Died November 6, 1923.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, made an eloquent address, bristling with humor, full of wise counsel and great lessons. It was presented with characteristic force.

M. E. Companions CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest of Massachusetts; GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand High Priest of New York; FRANK C. PREISS, Grand High Priest of New Jersey; CHARLES E. WILLIN, Grand High Priest of Delaware, and FRED W. HILTON, Grand Scribe of Rhode Island, each in well-chosen words presented the felicitations and fraternal greetings of their respective Grand Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at six o'clock and five minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, ST. JOHN'S DAY, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

PRESENT:

Comp. JOHN M. CORE, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ GEORGE P. DARROW, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ WALTON K. SWETLAND, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ EDWARD W. RUSHTON, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ FRANCIS M. TAITT, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE, . . .	<i>as Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ ROBERT D. COLE, . . .	<i>as Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ CHARLES H. TILTON, . . .	<i>as Grand Master of Third Vail.</i>
“ CHARLES H. WEAVER, . . .	<i>as Grand Master of Second Vail.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. KROPP, . . .	<i>Grand Master of First Vail.</i>
“ AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ GEORGE B. HANNUM, . . .	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ CHARLES R. ROBERTS, . . .	<i>as Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, . . .	<i>as Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, CHARLES R. ROBERTS, CHARLES H. TILTON, CHARLES H. WEAVER, EDMUND W. BOOTS.

M. E. Past Grand High Priests:—Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., JOSEPH E. QUINBY.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
“ WILLIAM McCOMBS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
“ ROBERT E. UMBEL, of Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
“ ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
“ EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.

- “ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
- “ CHARLES H. WEAVER, of Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
- “ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
- “ GEORGE P. DARROW, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
- “ JAMES E. MORRIS, of Grand Chapter of Mississippi.
- “ WALTON K. SWETLAND, of Grand Chapter of Montana.
- “ CHARLES H. TILTON, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
- “ AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
- “ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
- “ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
- “ THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
- “ JOHN M. CORE, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
- “ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
- “ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
- “ P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 165, 171, 175, 176, 177, 182, 183, 185, 190, 196, 198, 201, 202, 203, 208, 216, 217, 220, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 259, 262, 263, 266, 271, 274, 282, 284, 301, 307, of Pennsylvania; one of New Jersey and one of Canada. (41 Chapters.) (110 Members.) (13 Visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of M. E. Companion RICHARD H. SPENCER, Grand Z. of Canada.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The minutes of the Special Communication held December 6, 1923, and of the Quarterly Communication held Thursday, December 6, 1923, were read and separately approved.

Copies of proposed amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 211 was received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary reported that General Returns have been received from sixty-two Chapters.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest presented an address, reviewing the work of the year, showing much constructive work had been done during that period:

My Companions, the time has arrived when, according to custom, the work of the year is to be reviewed by the Grand High Priest.

The past year has been one of peace and harmony throughout our Jurisdiction. Our relations with other Grand Chapters are most fraternal. With many Grand Chapters we have exchanged visits, to the mutual benefit of all. The General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States was our guest at the December Quarterly Communication, and we all enjoyed his visit.

We are firmly convinced that the interchange of visits between Grand Chapters will go far toward removing any misconceptions which we may have of one another.

Providence has been kind to us during the past year. However, it was not to be that our circle should remain unbroken. Three of our appointees have been called from their service in Grand Chapter to their final reward:

Companion REUBEN ZIMMERMAN, of Lackawanna Chapter, No. 185, a member of the Committee on Appeals, entered into rest February 15, 1923.

Companion GEORGE F. GARSIDE, of Norristown Chapter, No. 190, a member of the Committee on Charity, entered into rest October 29, 1923.

Companion JOHN FETCH, Instructor in the Philadelphia Capitular School and a member of T. B. Freeman Chapter, No. 243, entered into rest March 6, 1923.

“Death’s but a path that must be trod
If man would ever pass to God.”

NEW CONSTITUTION.

At the Quarterly Communication in December Grand Chapter adopted a new Constitution.

You have each had an opportunity to examine the report of the Committee appointed to prepare the revision, whose report, with one modification, was adopted by Grand Chapter.

Some of the important changes refer to monthly returns by subordinate Chapters. Under the provisions of the new Constitution errors occurring during the year will come to the Grand Secretary at once, when they can be corrected, instead of waiting until the end of the year, after the High Priest of the Chapter has closed his term and proper correction is difficult to make.

The minimum fee for the three Degrees is now thirty dollars, effective from this date. A new fea-

ture of the Constitution is fixing minimum dues to be charged by subordinate Chapters. From this date no Chapter can charge less than four dollars per year, and as much more as their requirements demand.

We trust that all the Officers of the subordinate Chapters will give careful attention to the provisions of the new Constitution.

All petitions presented prior to December 27, 1923, are governed by the old Constitution.

AUDITOR'S REPORTS.

Our visits to subordinate Chapters in the past three years convinced us that many of the Chapters were not giving the attention to their finances that they should. We accordingly issued an order at the beginning of the year requiring each Chapter to send us a copy of its Auditor's report which, under the Constitution, was required to be made at the next stated meeting following the Annual Meeting. We had some correspondence in enforcing this order, but finally received Auditor's reports from every Chapter.

The result justified our suspicions. Many of the Chapters had very loose reports. In fact, some of them were not worthy the name of an audit. We have had prepared a standard form of report, and three copies have been sent to each Chapter. When this is filled out the Companions of each Chapter will

know just how the Chapter is prospering, both numerically and financially. A few Chapters have adopted the excellent plan of having the report printed and a copy sent to each member. We most heartily commend this procedure.

CHAPTER MINUTES.

At each visitation for rehearsal, the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, or in his absence some other Grand Officer or Past Grand High Priest, has examined the Minutes, Book of Marks and other records of the Chapter where we met. Much valuable information has been thus gained, many errors corrected and in some cases wrong action by the Chapter corrected.

A new form of recording minutes, complying with the provisions of the new Constitution, is now being prepared and will be issued in January.

We repeat what our predecessors have from time to time pointed out—that a little attention by Secretaries would save much trouble to Chapters and to Grand Chapter.

We hope that with the new Constitution, a more complete set of forms for recording minutes and monthly returns, many of the errors will be eliminated.

It must not be inferred that all Secretaries are negligent, for such is not the case. In many Chap-

ters we found all the records well kept. In fact, it is the usual index of a live Chapter that its records are well kept and its finances in a good healthy condition.

NEW CHAPTERS.

Warrants for two new Chapters were granted during the year, viz., Thomas B. Anderson, No. 309, at Latrobe, Pa., and Hanover, No. 310, at Hanover, Pa.

September 29, I constituted Thomas B. Anderson Chapter, No. 309, at Latrobe, Pa. The following Officers of said Chapter were duly installed:

Comp. HARRY W. RYAN, . . .	<i>M. E. High Priest.</i>
“ GEORGE E. ANDERSON, . . .	<i>King.</i>
“ WALTER S. THOMAS, . . .	<i>Scribe.</i>
“ CHARLES T. WALKER, . . .	<i>Treasurer.</i>
“ SAMUEL B. REYBURN, . . .	<i>Secretary.</i>

I was assisted by the following Companions:

Comp. GEORGE P. DARROW, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, P.G.H.P.,	<i>Acting M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, . . .	<i>as Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ ROY C. STORMER, . . .	<i>as Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ ROBERT D. COLE, . . .	<i>as Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ WILLIAM S. RIAL, . . .	<i>as Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ RICHARD G. HUGUS, . . .	<i>as Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
“ ELMER E. ALSHOUSE, . . .	<i>as Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
“ R. KAY PORTSER, . . .	<i>as Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
“ AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ BERT LUCAS, . . .	<i>as Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ FRANCIS M. B. SCHRAMM	<i>as Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ HARRY N. YONT, . . .	<i>as Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

This Chapter starts off with fifty-four warrant members. They are very enthusiastic over the prospects of a good working Chapter.

Hanover Royal Arch Chapter, No. 310.

Accompanied by Grand Officers, I constituted Hanover R. A. Chapter, No. 310, on October 25. The following Officers were installed, *viz.*:

Comp. RALPH J. S. HOFFACKER,	.	.	<i>M. E. High Priest.</i>
“ JOSIAH S. MOUL,	.	.	<i>King.</i>
“ MARK E. TRONE,	.	.	<i>Scribe.</i>
“ HOWARD F. SLAGLE,	.	.	<i>Treasurer.</i>
“ CALVIN J. BANGE,	.	.	<i>Secretary.</i>

I was assisted by the following Grand Officers:

Comp. GEORGE P. DARROW,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ WALTON K. SWETLAND,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ GEORGE B. WELLS,	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. MICHEALS,	.	.	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ HARRY J. BELL,	.	.	<i>as Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ ROBERT D. COLE,	.	.	<i>as Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ ROBERT A. WALKER,	.	.	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ JOHN LOUIS KING,	.	.	<i>as Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
“ JOHN A. VOSS,	.	.	<i>as Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. KROPP,	.	.	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
“ AUGUST P. KUNZIG,	.	.	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ GEORGE B. HANNUM,	.	.	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ WILLIAM O. THOMPSON,	.	.	<i>as Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ ROBERT T. WHITEHOUSE	.	.	<i>as Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ JAMES M. EBBERT,	.	.	<i>as Grand Tyler.</i>
“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY,	.	.	<i>M. E. Past Grand High Priest.</i>

This Chapter starts off with ninety-three warrant members, and has a very promising outlook.

REHEARSALS.

Rehearsals have been held in each of the twenty-five Districts in the State except Districts A, B and C, comprising the City of Philadelphia, where a joint rehearsal of the three Districts was held. Two rehearsals were held in District No. 5, and two were held in District No. 20.

I have attended all the rehearsals except the one at Mahanoy City, Eighth District, October 10, and at Sunbury, Ninth District, October 11. On these two dates I was holding rehearsals at Warren, Twenty-second District, October 10, and at Brookville, Fifteenth District, October 11. The Companions, however, at both Sunbury and Mahanoy City had the advantage of the Most Excellent Grand King, Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, together with other Grand Officers and an Instructor.

We find that these rehearsals, now held for three successive years, have done great good, not only in correcting and unifying the work, but also in stimulating interest in Capitular Masonry throughout the State. They are well worth the effort put forth by Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests and Instructors.

I cannot refrain from expressing my deep appreciation of the self-sacrificing devotion of the Instructors in the different schools, who have always so cheerfully responded to the call whenever it came. They have given to Grand Chapter and to Capitular

Masonry a service which money could not buy and yet which cost Grand Chapter nothing.

Districts A, B and C, Companions ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM and ROBERT G. SMITH, District Deputies.

These three Districts comprise the twenty-one Chapters in Philadelphia. The rehearsal was held Saturday, May 19, in the Masonic Temple. The three Degrees were rehearsed by the following Chapters:

The Degree of Mark Master Mason by the Officers of St. John R. A. Chapter, No. 232.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master by the Officers of Harmony R. A. Chapter, No. 52.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason by the Officers of Palestine R. A. Chapter, No. 240.

The Degrees were rehearsed letter perfect. In addition to the ritualistic correctness, the floor movements left nothing to be desired.

There were present from District A, Companion ALFRED S. HOULDSWORTH, District Deputy Grand High Priest. Ninety-nine Officers.

From District C, Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, District Deputy Grand High Priest. Seventy-seven Officers. I am without report on District B,

Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Accompanying us at this rehearsal, in addition to the three District Deputies, were Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer; Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companions JOSEPH E. QUINBY, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia, with the other Instructors.

Keystone R. A. Chapter, No. 175, was the host at this rehearsal, and we all have a most kindly remembrance of the hospitalities tendered to the Grand Officers and visitors.

The address was by Companion Rev. FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain. To give the name of the speaker conveys to all who have had the privilege of hearing him an assurance that it was a masterly address.

DISTRICT No. 1. Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal was held at Pottstown, Wednesday, October 24, Pottstown R. A. Chapter, No. 271, being the host. There were present one hundred and ninety-one Companions, comprising the Officers of

the different Royal Arch Chapters and many interested Companions.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Abington R. A. Chapter, No. 245.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Fort Washington R. A. Chapter, No. 220.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Norristown R. A. Chapter, No. 190.

The work of each Chapter in this District was excellent, and reflects great credit upon the Officers. I cannot refrain from especially mentioning the work of the Officers of Fort Washington R. A. Chapter, No. 220, who rehearsed the beautiful Degree of Most Excellent Master in a faultless manner.

Companion Rev. WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain, delivered a most instructive address.

I was accompanied by Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand Scribe; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion Rev. WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia.

The District is in fine shape.

DISTRICT No. 2. Companion WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal was held May 17, at Ardmore, Montgomery R. A. Chapter, No. 262, being the host.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Howell R. A. Chapter, No. 202.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Coatesville R. A. Chapter, No. 267.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Chester R. A. Chapter, No. 258.

The address was delivered by Companion Rev. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

I was accompanied by Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer; Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Past Grand High Priest; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia.

The work of each of the Officers in the different Degrees was very good. The condition of the District is good.

DISTRICT No. 3. Companion MILTON E. GINGRICH, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal in this District was held at Reading, May 16.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Weidle R. A. Chapter, No. 197.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Lancaster R. A. Chapter, No. 43.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Excelsior R. A. Chapter, No. 237.

An address was delivered immediately after dinner by Companion Rev. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

I was accompanied by Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion Rev. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia. The condition of this District is not good and the work not up to the standard.

DISTRICT No. 4. Companion JOHN H. BENNETT, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Immediately after the Constitution of Hanover R. A. Chapter, No. 310, the Companions of the new Chapter rehearsed the Degree of Mark Master Mason.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Corinthian R. A. Chapter, No. 224.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Yorktown R. A. Chapter, No. 304.

All Degrees were well rehearsed, and the District is in fine shape.

DISTRICT No. 5. Companion CHARLES R. ROBERTS, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Two rehearsals were held in this District, the first at Bangor, October 22, Bangor R. A. Chapter, No. 274, being the host.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Monroe R. A. Chapter, No. 281. The attendance of officers was poor and the work unsatisfactory.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Zinzendorf R. A. Chapter, No. 216. The work, as is usual with this Chapter, was excellent.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Easton R. A. Chapter, No. 173. The work was very satisfactory.

The address was delivered by Companion Rev. WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, and was listened to with marked attention, and we have no doubt with great profit to the Companions.

I was accompanied by Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand Scribe; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion Rev. WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain; Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the School of Capitular Masonry in Philadelphia.

October 23, accompanied by the same Grand Officers, we held a rehearsal at Slatington, in the same District, Slatington R. A. Chapter, No. 292, being the host.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Catasauqua R. A. Chapter, No. 278.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Jordan R. A. Chapter, No. 302.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Allen R. A. Chapter, No. 203.

Companion Rev. WILLIAM H. MICHEALS delivered a splendid address.

During the two days spent in this District the Grand Officers were the recipients of many courtesies by the Companions.

DISTRICT No. 6. Companion CHARLES H. TILTON, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal in this District was held September 14 at Great Bend, Great Bend R. A. Chapter, No. 210, being the host. I do not think that any of the Grand Officers who attended this rehearsal will ever forget the hospitality of the Companions of Great Bend R. A. Chapter.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Susquehanna R. A. Chapter, No. 276.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Warren R. A. Chapter, No. 180.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Great Bend R. A. Chapter, No. 210.

The work in the rehearsal of the Degrees showed a great amount of study and a sincere effort on the part of the Officers of the different Chapters to fully qualify themselves for their different stations and places.

An address was delivered by Companion Rev. GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain. His ad-

dress on this occasion was the most masterful presentation of the proper application of Freemasonry to everyday conditions that it has ever been my good fortune to hear.

I was accompanied by Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion Rev. GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain; Companion P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, Grand Principal Sojourner; Companion CHARLES H. TILTON, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia.

DISTRICT No. 7. Companion CHARLES H. WEAVER, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal for this district was held at Athens, September 13, Amity R. A. Chapter, No. 293, being the host.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Temple R. A. Chapter, No. 172.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Amity R. A. Chapter, No. 293.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Union R. A. Chapter, No. 161.

An address was delivered by Companion Rev. GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain, and was most interesting and instructive.

At this rehearsal we had the counter-attraction of a County Fair, but the rehearsal was well attended and the interest manifested good.

I was accompanied by Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion CHARLES H. WEAVER, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion Rev. GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia. The District appears to be in fine shape. Every Chapter was represented at the rehearsal.

District No. 8. Companion FRANK C. YINGST, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal for this District was held at Mahanoy City, October 10.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Mizpah R. A. Chapter, No. 252.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Griscom R. A. Chapter, No. 219.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Shamokin R. A. Chapter, No. 264.

Every Chapter in the District was represented and much interest shown.

Companion Rev. EDWARD W. RUSHTON delivered the address.

This rehearsal was held under the direction of Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King, accompanied by Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion FRANK C. YINGST, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion Rev. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia. Owing to there being two rehearsals on this date I was unable to be present.

DISTRICT No. 9. Companion WILLIAM FIELD SHAY, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal for this District was held at Sunbury, October 11, Northumberland R. A. Chapter, No. 174, being the host.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Milton R. A. Chapter, No. 298.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Warrior Run R. A. Chapter, No. 246.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Northumberland R. A. Chapter, No. 174.

The rehearsal was under the direction of Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King, accompanied by Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand Scribe; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion WILLIAM F. SHAY, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion Rev. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia.

Companion Rev. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain, delivered a splendid address to the Companions.

The Grand Officers holding this rehearsal report to me that there were many errors and inaccuracies in the work.

DISTRICT No. 10. Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal for this District was held at Chambersburg, October 26, George Washington R. A. Chapter, No. 176, being the host, and right royally did they perform their part.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Perseverance R. A. Chapter, No. 21.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of St. John's R. A. Chapter, No. 171.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of George Washington R. A. Chapter, No. 176.

The rendition of the ritual in this rehearsal left nothing to be desired.

The address was delivered by Companion Dr. HARRY J. BELL, of Union Chapter, No. 165. It was a splendid address, and I am sure made a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of listening to it.

The interest manifested in this District has not been surpassed by any District in the State, and equalled by few.

I was accompanied at this rehearsal by all the elective Grand Officers, *viz.*, Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand Scribe; Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer; Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia. There were present one hundred and fifty-four at the meeting, every Chapter in the District being represented.

DISTRICT No. 11. Companion ROY C. STORMER, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal in this District was held at Altoona, September 24, Mountain R. A. Chapter, No. 189, being the host.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Standing Stone R. A. Chapter, No. 201. A number of the Officers of this Chapter failed to attend, and this made the work unsatisfactory.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Lewistown R. A. Chapter, No. 186, in a very creditable manner.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Mountain R. A. Chapter, No. 189.

The District is in a good and healthy condition.

I was accompanied by Companion ROY C. STORMER, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion ROBERT D. COLE, of the Capitular School in Philadelphia; Companion ALBERT E. ELDRIDGE, and Companion FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Instructors in the Pittsburgh Capitular School.

DISTRICT No. 12. Companion JAMES H. REEDER, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal in this District was held September 12, at Troy, the Companions of Troy R. A. Chapter, No. 261, being the hosts.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Lycoming R. A. Chapter, No. 222. The Officers were all present, having driven fifty-one miles to attend the rehearsal.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Clearfield R. A. Chapter, No. 228. The Officers of this Chapter drove one hundred and sixty miles to rehearse the degree.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Troy R. A. Chapter, No. 261.

This is a large District territorially, yet we found the Officers all active and much interested in the welfare of their respective Chapters. We were informed that this was the first visit ever paid by a Grand High Priest to this Chapter.

Accompanying us were Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia, as well as the District Deputy Grand High Priest for the District, Companion JAMES H. REEDER.

DISTRICT No. 13.

The rehearsal in this District was held September 10, at Kane, Kane Chapter, No. 279, being the host.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Elk R. A. Chapter, No. 230.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Kane R. A. Chapter, No. 279.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Bradford R. A. Chapter, No. 260.

The improvement in the work of the Chapters in this District is most marked. The work done was very creditable and the interest manifested most gratifying.

I was accompanied by Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion JOHN P. ANDERSON, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia.

I was informed that this was the first time a Grand High Priest had ever visited the Chapter at Kane. They certainly did everything to show their appreciation of our visit.

DISTRICT No. 14. Companion FREDERICK J. WANDALL, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal for this District was held at Coudersport, September 11, Coudersport R. A. Chapter, No. 263, being the host.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Ulysses R. A. Chapter, No. 269.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Arnold R. A. Chapter, No. 254. Several of the appointed Officers of this Chapter failed to report and thus marred the work.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Zebulun R. A. Chapter, No. 296. The Officers of this Chapter drove sixty miles to the rehearsal and did very satisfactory work.

Much improvement is noted in this District over former years, and we have every assurance that the improvement has only started.

I was accompanied by Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most excellent Grand Scribe; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion FREDERICK J. WANDALL, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia.

DISTRICT No. 15. Companion THOMAS N. McKEE, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal in this District was held in Brookville, October 11, Jefferson R. A. Chapter, No. 225, being the host.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Eden R. A. Chapter, No. 259. They were entirely unfamiliar with the work. After nearly two hours I stopped the rehearsal of the degree. This Chapter has been persistently ignoring

the instructions of Grand Officers. The Instructors of the Capitular School at Pittsburgh volunteered to go at any time and give instructions to the Chapter. They have not seen fit to avail themselves of this opportunity. I have accordingly directed that the Officers should not be advanced, and further that they should not do any work until they satisfy the District Deputy of their fitness. If the conditions are not changed in this Chapter I shall lay the warrant before Grand Chapter with a full report of my action in the matter.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Butler R. A. Chapter, No. 273. The work was excellent.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 225. Every Officer, elective and appointive, was in his place. The work was very good.

I was accompanied by Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion JOHN P. ANDERSON, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Thirteenth District; Companion THOMAS N. MCKEE, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Fifteenth District, and Companion ALBERT E. ELDRIDGE and Companion FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Instructors in the Capitular School in Pittsburgh.

DISTRICT No. 16. Companion GEORGE W. RODGERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal for this District was held in the Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, September 25.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Allegheny R. A. Chapter, No. 217. All the Officers of the Chapter were in their respective stations and places.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Zerubbabel R. A. Chapter, No. 162.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Homewood R. A. Chapter, No. 297; all the Officers in their respective stations and places.

This rehearsal left nothing to be desired either in attendance of Officers, correctness and intelligent rendering of the ritual, and enthusiastic interest. At this rehearsal, as well as at a number of others, I had the Instructors of both the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Schools present, and find that they are teaching exactly the same work. This is most gratifying to the Grand Officers.

An able address was delivered by Companion WALTER P. BROWN, of Chapter No. 299.

I was accompanied by Companion HENRY OSCAR KLINE, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion GEORGE W. RODGERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Sixteenth District; Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, District Deputy Grand High

Priest, Nineteenth District; Companion HUGH MARQUIS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Twentieth District; Companion JAMES W. MYERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Seventeenth District; Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Philadelphia School of Capitular Masonry; Companion JOHN W. BRANDON, Companion FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Companion JOHN BELL, Companion JAMES C. WEIR and Companion ALBERT E. ELDRIDGE, Instructors in the Pittsburgh Capitular School.

Of course, we expected perfect work in this District. Our expectations were fulfilled.

DISTRICT No. 17. Companion JAMES W. MYERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal in this District was held at Carnegie, September 26.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Cyrus R. A. Chapter, No. 280. Every Officer of the Chapter was in his station and place.

The degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Darius Chapter, No. 294. Every Officer was in his station and place.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of St. Clair R. A. Chapter, No. 305. Every Officer in this Chapter was in his station and place.

The entire rehearsal approached perfection, both in work and attendance of Officers, as near as I ever expect to see.

After dinner we had the privilege of listening to an address by Companion SIMON BAKER, who was made a Royal Arch Mason in this Chapter, afterwards transferring his membership to Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162, of Pittsburgh. Companion BAKER is now the honored President of Washington and Jefferson College. We feel that if the youth of our land could have the influence of such men as Companion BAKER that the future of our country would be safe. For thirty minutes he held the Companions spellbound while he spoke of the beauties of the King James Bible. We regret exceedingly that we did not have a stenographer present so that we might have passed on to the Companions of the State the wonderful address he made.

I was accompanied by Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion JAMES W. MYERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Seventeenth District; Companion GEORGE W. RODGERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Sixteenth District; Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia; Companion JOHN W. BRANDON, Companion FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Companion JOHN BELL and Companion ALBERT E.

ELDRIDGE, Instructors in the Pittsburgh School. The District is in splendid shape, and one which it is a joy for Grand Officers to visit.

DISTRICT No. 18. Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal in this District was held at Monongahela City, September 27.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Monessen R. A. Chapter, No. 290. The Scribe, it seems, has never had time to learn the Mark Degree, and so I have relieved him of further embarrassment by directing that he be not advanced and suggested that he be not re-elected. This suggestion has been carried out.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Wilkinsburg R. A. Chapter, No. 285.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of McKeesport R. A. Chapter, No. 282. All the Officers were in their respective stations and places. The work in the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees was very good.

I was accompanied by Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Eighth

teenth District; Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Philadelphia Capitular School; Companion JOHN BELL, Companion ALBERT E. ELDRIDGE and Companion FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Instructors in the Pittsburgh Capitular School.

Companion BOOTS has this District in fine shape, and much good constructive work is being done.

DISTRICT No. 19. Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal for this District was held at Greensburg, October 5.

The Mark Degree was rehearsed by Union R. A. Chapter, No. 165. All the Officers were in their respective stations and places. These Companions drove forty miles to attend this rehearsal, and they presented a faultless Degree. Of course, I may be pardoned for saying an extra word of commendation to these Companions, as I took it as a personal compliment to myself, it being my own Chapter.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Brownsville R. A. Chapter, No. 164.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Connellsville R. A. Chapter, No. 283. All the Officers were in their respective stations and places. The work was beautifully rendered.

I was accompanied by Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Nineteenth District, and Companion ALBERT E. ELDRIDGE and Companion FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Instructors in the Pittsburgh Capitular School.

DISTRICT No. 20. Companion HUGH M. MARQUIS, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal for this District was held at Sharon, September 28.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers (in part) of Delta R. A. Chapter, No. 170. The Scribe of this Chapter never having learned the Mark Degree, his place as Worshipful Master taken by the High Priest of the Chapter. The work was not satisfactory.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was assigned to Harmony R. A. Chapter, No. 206, but the King of that Chapter was detained and the Most Excellent High Priest took his station. The work was not satisfactory.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Mound R. A. Chapter, No. 212. This work was not satisfactory. In fact, taken as a whole, the work in this District was the lowest in the State.

I was accompanied by Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion

GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia, and Companions ALBERT E. ELDRIDGE and FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Instructors in the Capitular School in Pittsburgh.

DISTRICT No. 21. Companion PETER BARKEY, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal for this District was held at Corry, October 9.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Columbus R. A. Chapter, No. 200.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Temple R. A. Chapter, No. 215.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Temple R. A. Chapter, No. 215.

I was accompanied by Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion PETER BARKEY, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Twentieth District; Companion ALBERT E. ELDRIDGE and Companion FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Instructors in the Capitular School in Pittsburgh.

DISTRICT No. 22. Companion CHARLES E. COOPER, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

The rehearsal for this District was held at Warren, October 10.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the Officers of Venango R. A. Chapter, No. 211, and was very well done.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master was rehearsed by the Officers of Oil City R. A. Chapter, No. 236.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was rehearsed by Aaron R. A. Chapter, No. 207, of Titusville.

There seems to be need for an Instructor in this District. Lack of confidence seems to be the most serious trouble with the Officers in the District. We are of opinion that an Instructor from one of the Schools in each Chapter for a few rehearsals would bring this District to the front as one of the best in the State.

SPECIAL REHEARSAL.

DISTRICT No. 20. Companion HUGH M. MARQUIS, District Deputy Grand High Priest.

On November 22, I held a special rehearsal in Harmony R. A. Chapter, No. 206, at Beaver Falls, to give the King of Harmony R. A. Chapter, No. 206, an opportunity to rehearse the Degree of Most Excellent Master and the Scribe of Delta R. A. Chapter, No. 170, an opportunity to rehearse the Degree of Mark Master Mason. On arriving at the hall I

learned that the Scribe of Delta R. A. Chapter, No. 170, had met with an accident which prevented his attendance.

The King of Harmony R. A. Chapter, No. 206, together with the other Officers, rehearsed the Degree of Most Excellent Master in a very satisfactory manner.

I was accompanied by Companion HUGH M. MARQUIS, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Twentieth District; Companion GEORGE W. RODGERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Sixteenth District, and Companion JOHN W. BRANDON, Companion ALBERT E. ELDRIDGE, Companion JOHN BELL, and Companion FREDERICK P. GLASSER, all Instructors in the Pittsburgh Capitular School.

CLOTHING FOR CAPITULAR SCHOOLS.

The Capitular School at Pittsburgh called my attention to the fact that they were very much handicapped in their work on account of lack of proper clothing and furniture.

They pointed out that they were dependent upon the different Chapters meeting in the Temple for clothing, and at times this was very inconvenient.

I consulted with the Principal of the Capitular School in Philadelphia, and he emphasized the demands of the Pittsburgh School.

I laid the matter before the Finance Committee, and at the June Communication they recommended an appropriation of two thousand dollars for the purpose of equipping the three Schools. This recommendation was approved by Grand Chapter, and the furniture and clothing have been purchased and delivered to the Schools at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton. We had an opportunity to use the clothing delivered to the Pittsburgh school at the rehearsal held in the Sixteenth District, and found it very complete and satisfactory.

I cannot speak too highly of the loyalty and efficiency of the Schools. A review of the rehearsals will show that representatives of one or more of the Schools was present at every rehearsal. I wish to bear testimony to their efficiency and loyalty. Without their assistance the rehearsals would not have been nearly so effective. Their work is uniform and absolutely correct. The Instructors are at all times ready to go to any of the Chapters and instruct the Officers. This is done without expense to the Chapter, and we feel justified in insisting that the Officers avail themselves of the Schools and the individual Instructors. No part of the whole Capitular field today is in better shape than our Schools, and none doing better work.

The system of District rehearsals was introduced by my predecessor, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY. It has been in force now three years, and so far as we can now see

it has become a part of our system. A review of the different rehearsals will show that Companion QUINBY has attended many of them. He has been a most valuable helper not only in the rehearsals themselves but in the transportation of the Grand Officers. Without cost to Grand Chapter he has furnished and driven his car from one end of the State to another, making many of the meetings possible which otherwise we could not have reached.

The unswerving loyalty of all the Grand Officers has been a never-ending wonder to me. They have gone to every part of the State, instructing, counseling and advising the Officers and Companions throughout the State. Today there is scarcely an Officer in the subordinate Chapters who does not know personally one or more of the Grand Officers. There are few Chapters in the State which have not had a visitation from the Grand High Priest in the past three years. This close "personal touch," as our friend Most Excellent Companion R. H. SPENCER, Grand Z. of Canada, says, has resulted in much good to the Chapters and benefit to the Grand Officers.

DECISIONS.

DECIDED, that the By-laws fixing the time of meeting of a Chapter were adopted according to what is commonly known as Eastern Standard Time, and could not be changed by local ordinances which fixed what is called "daylight-saving time" for a part of

the year. That all Capitular bodies in Pennsylvania should meet according to Eastern Standard Time.

DECIDED, that where the Committee of Inquiry appointed on a petition for initiation and membership did not report within four months from the time the petition was referred by the Chapter, the petitioner stood rejected. The Constitution makes no exception.

DECIDED, that the "Book of the Law" as used by the Chapters should consist of the Ten Commandments written in Hebrew Characters on a parchment or scroll.

In order to have uniformity throughout the Jurisdiction I called in all "Books of the Law" and furnished each Chapter with a correct copy.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

January 4, 1923. To Urania R. A. Chapter, No. 192, to elect a Treasurer to fill vacancy caused by death.

January 16, 1923. To Temple R. A. Chapter, No. 172, to elect a Secretary to fill vacancy caused by refusal of the duly elected Secretary to be installed.

January 16, 1923. To Shamokin R. A. Chapter, No. 264, to confer Royal Arch Degree on RUSSELL PAUL ZIMMERMAN. The petitioner was about to sail for China to be gone five years and could not wait the usual time.

January 24, 1923. To Portage R. A. Chapter, No. 195, to elect a Treasurer to fill vacancy caused by death.

January 27, 1923. To Montgomery R. A. Chapter, No. 262, to elect a Secretary to fill vacancy caused by death.

March 8, 1923. To St. John R. A. Chapter, No. 232, to elect a Treasurer to fill vacancy caused by death.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

May 18, 1923. Refused to permit University R. A. Chapter, No. 256, to confer the Capitular Degrees on a petitioner out of time, as no emergency appeared to exist.

Refused dispensation to Tamaqua Chapter, No. 177, to move their place of meeting from Tamaqua to the room of Panther Valley Lodge at Landsford, the reason given therefor being, in my opinion, not sufficient.

April 24, 1923. Refused dispensation to Elk Chapter, No. 230, to confer all the Degrees at one time upon a candidate who resided 115 miles from the Chapter, the additional trip not being more than Grand Officers frequently have been called upon to make from one visit to another.

MAKING A ROYAL ARCH MASON AT SIGHT.

I received a request from the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of New York to confer the Degree of Royal Arch Mason on Brother CARL WALLACE PETTY, a Most Excellent Master Mason, member of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, of the Jurisdiction of New York, Brother PETTY being now a resident of the City of Pittsburgh, Pa.

I accordingly arranged with the Officers of Shiloh R. A. Chapter, No. 257, of Pittsburgh, to confer the Degree. On November 19, I was present at Shiloh R. A. Chapter, No. 257, and by virtue of my presence directed the Officers of the Chapter to admit Brother CARL WALLACE PETTY and confer the Royal Arch Degree upon him, which was done. I have since advised the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of New York of my action in the matter.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

Have granted all waivers of jurisdiction asked for, as follows:

New York 4. New Jersey 3.

Waivers of jurisdiction were requested and received as follows:

New Jersey 6. Maryland 1.

INFORMAL VISITATIONS.

January 27, I visited the Capitular School at Pittsburgh and was very cordially received by the Companions. A large part of the evening was taken up

in discussing the best means to extend the influence of the School.

February 9, I visited Union R. A. Chapter, No. 165. I was accompanied by Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer; Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion HARRY M. McDONALD, Grand Captain of the Host; Companion FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain; Companion RALPH C. MINEHART, Grand Master of Second Vail; Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Grand Marshal, and Companion JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN.

After the visitation to Union R. A. Chapter the Companions of Chapters No. 164, 165 and 283, constituting the three Royal Arch Chapters in Fayette County, gave what they were pleased to call a Testimonial Dinner to me and the Grand Officers accompanying me, at the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church.

There were about six hundred Companions in attendance. Addresses were made by Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer; Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest;

Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion RALPH C. MINEHART, Grand Master of the Second Vail; Companion FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain; Companion WOODA N. CARR spoke on behalf of Union R. A. Chapter, No. 165. Companion ROBERT E. UMBEL, Most Excellent Past High Priest of Union R. A. Chapter, No. 165, acted as Toastmaster.

This being a personal testimonial of the Companions of my own and neighboring Chapters, was most deeply appreciated by me.

OTHER VISITATIONS.

January 31, I visited the Joshua Association of Philadelphia, and enjoyed an excellent dinner with the Companions. This Association of Past High Priests of Philadelphia is doing a fine work.

March 14, I attended the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Cyrus R. A. Chapter, No. 280, at Carnegie, Pa. The Companions of this Chapter had a most fitting celebration of their Silver Anniversary. Companion SIMON BAKER, of Zerubbabel R. A. Chapter, No. 162, and President of Washington and Jefferson College, made a splendid address.

April 30, I attended the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of Pittsburgh R. A. Chapter, No. 268. Companion JACOB J. MILLER, a member of the Chapter and one of the Judges of Allegheny County, made a very interesting address. I was accompanied by Compan-

ion GEORGE W. RODGERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Sixteenth District.

May 22, I was the guest of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania at its Seventieth Annual Conclave, held in the City of Pittsburgh. I was the recipient of many courtesies.

June 18, I visited Shiloh R. A. Chapter, No. 257. This was a most enjoyable visit to me. Their records show that on November 21, 1892, the Grand Officers visited the Chapter and among the other visitors was JOHN M. CORE, of Union R. A. Chapter, No. 165. The then M. E. Grand High Priest was Companion ALEXANDER H. MORGAN.

November 2, I visited Harmony R. A. Chapter, No. 52, of Philadelphia. I was accompanied by Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer; Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest; Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Principal of the Capitular School at Philadelphia.

I witnessed the conferring of the Mark Degree upon a large number of candidates.

December 4, I visited St. John R. A. Chapter, No. 171, and installed the M. E. High Priest.

December 13, I visited Union R. A. Chapter, No. 165, of Uniontown, and installed all the Officers.

During the year I have attended Grand Chapter meetings in other Jurisdictions, as follows:

Grand Chapter of Canada, accompanied by Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, and Companion ROBERT E. UMBEL.

Grand Chapter of New York, accompanied by Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Past Grand High Priest; Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Grand Treasurer, and Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Grand Marshal.

Grand Chapter of Connecticut, accompanied by Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter of New Jersey, accompanied by Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary, and Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, accompanied by Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest.

George Washington National Memorial Association.

On November 1, on invitation of the Officers in charge, accompanied by Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand Scribe; Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer; Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand Secretary; Companions WILLIAM B. MEREDITH and JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests; Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Grand Marshal, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, I attended the laying of the cornerstone at Alexandria, Virginia, of the National Memorial to George Washington, the Mason. This was probably the most important Masonic event of the year. It is the concrete embodiment of an idea that should appeal to every Mason.

INVITATIONS RECEIVED.

From Rhode Island to attend the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Chapter. I was unable to go myself, but Pennsylvania was represented by Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King; Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.

From Massachusetts to attend the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary. I was unable to go, but was represented by Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Most Excellent Grand King, accompanied by Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Z., Most Excellent Companion RICHARD H. SPENCER, invited me to accompany him to the Constitution of the new Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, on June 12. Owing to other Masonic engagements I was compelled to decline. This was hard to do, but necessary under the circumstances.

A number of invitations were received during the year which I was unable to accept on account of conflicting engagements.

This, my Companions, is a brief outline of the work of the past year. How much of it was useful and constructive time alone will determine. Grand Officers without exception have at all times given freely of their time and strength that the interests of Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania should be served.

We are of opinion that no one can teach unless he himself thoroughly understands the subject taught. For this reason extraordinary effort is being put forth to see that Officers are well qualified for their stations. It is comparatively easy to issue an order or edict that no Officer shall be advanced who is not well qualified to do the work of his station; but it is quite another matter to see that such edict is enforced. In so large a Jurisdiction the Grand High Priest must rely upon his Deputies to see that Officers are proficient. We are happy to state that the Deputies have been faithful and zealous in their work. The condition of the work throughout the

State attests the fidelity of the Deputies. Some of them have met with difficulties which when they were referred to us we have done our best to overcome. Their devotion to Capitular Masonry has been wonderful. We shall continue to rely upon them to carry out the work in detail throughout the State.

The future looks bright and promising, and we believe our Fraternity is now entering into its own more than ever before.

That there is a field for Capitular Masonry, all its own, in the completion of the work of the Symbolic Lodge, we all agree. It is up to us in Capitular Masonry to see that the field is fully occupied. When we, as Royal Arch Masons, do our full duty in this matter there will be no wailing and lamenting that this or that organization is destroying our influence and taking our material. When we give every Master Mason an opportunity to complete his Masonic education, and our Officers are capable and interested, there will no longer be complaint of "lack of interest in the Chapter."

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication held December 6, 1923, as refers to the election of Grand Officers was read.

All of the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion JOHN M. CORE was installed *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Juris-*

diction Thereunto Belonging, was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, duly proclaimed, and received the salutations of the Craft:

Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, *Most Excellent Grand King*.

Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, *Most Excellent Grand Scribe*.

Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., *Most Excellent Grand Treasurer*.

Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, *Most Excellent Grand Secretary*.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest directed the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to announce the following appointments:

APPOINTMENTS.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

A. Companion ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, 243, 248, 284, 307 and Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, in Philadelphia.

B. Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 3, 169, 183, 240, 251 and 256, in Philadelphia.

C. Companion SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 91, 208, 232, 233, 250, 308 and Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216, in Philadelphia.

1. Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, of Norristown, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery (except Chapter No. 262), and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of Ardmore, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198) and Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

3. Companion J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, of Reading, for the Counties of Berks, Lancaster (except Chapter No. 224) and Lebanon.

4. Companion JOHN H. BENNETT, of York, for the Counties of Adams and York, and Chapter No. 224, of Lancaster County.

5. Companion CHARLES R. ROBERTS, of Allentown, for the Counties of Lehigh and Pike, and Chapter No. 295, of Northampton County.

6. Companion CHARLES H. TILTON, of Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne, and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming County.

7. Companion CHARLES H. WEAVER, of Wilkes-Barre, for the Counties of Luzerne and Sullivan, and Chapters No. 161 and 293, of Bradford County, and No. 172, of Wyoming County.

8. Companion FRANK C. YINGST, of Port Carbon, for the Counties of Carbon and Schuylkill, and Chapter No. 264, of Northumberland County.

9. Companion WILLIAM F. SHAY, of Watontown, for the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland (except Chapter No. 264), Snyder and Union.

10. Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry.

11. Companion ROY C. STORMER, of Johnstown, for the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Mifflin, and Chapter No. 309, of Westmoreland County.

12. Companion JAMES H. REEDER, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and Chapter No. 261, of Bradford County, and Chapter No. 228, of Clearfield.

13. Companion JOHN P. ANDERSON, of Ridgway, for the Counties of Elk and McKean (except Chapter No. 254), and Chapter No. 227, of Cameron County.

14. Companion FREDERICK J. WANDALL, of Coudersport, for the Counties of Potter and Tioga, and Chapter No. 254, of McKean County.

15. Companion THOMAS N. McKEE, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson.

16. Companion GEORGE W. RODGERS, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 162, 193, 217, 257, 268, 286, 288, 297 and 299, of Allegheny County.

17. Companion JAMES W. MYERS, of Crafton, for Chapters Nos. 280, 300 and 305, of Allegheny County, and Nos. 150 and 294, of Washington County.

18. Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 282, 285, 289, 303 and 306, of Allegheny County; No. 249, of Washington County, and No. 290, of Westmoreland County.

19. Companion JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, of Connellsville, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Westmoreland (except Chapters Nos. 290 and 309).

20. Companion HUGH M. MARQUIS, of New Castle, for the Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.

21. Companion PETER BARKEY, of Erie, for the Counties of Crawford (except Chapter No. 207), and Erie.

22. Companion CHARLES E. COOPER, of Oil City, for the Counties of Forest, Venango and Warren, and Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County.

23. Companion HARVEY F. PEIFLY, of Bangor, for the Counties of Monroe and Northampton (except Chapter No. 295).

Trustees.

Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, P. G. H. P.

“ DAVID J. DAVIS, P. G. H. P.

“ GEORGE W. SEEDS.

Grand Chaplains.

Comp. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D. D., of Philadelphia.

“ JOHN G. WILSON, D. D., of Philadelphia.

“ EDWARD W. RUSHTON, of Wayne.

“ GEORGE W. WELLBURN, D. D., of Scranton.

“ FRANCIS M. TAITT, of Chester.

“ WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, of Media.

Grand Captain of the Host.

Comp. HARRY M. McDONALD, of Chapter No. 283.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

Comp. P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of Chapter No. 185.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Comp. ROBERT A. WALKER, of Chapter No. 223.

Grand Master of Third Vail.

Comp. ELMER C. WATT, of Chapter No. 256.

Grand Master of Second Vail.

Comp. RALPH C. MINEHART, of Chapter No. 286.

Grand Master of First Vail.

Comp. WILLIAM B. KROPP, of Chapter No. 52.

Grand Marshal.

Comp. AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of Chapter No. 243.

Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. GEORGE B. HANNUM, of Chapter No. 284.

Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of Chapter No. 208.

Grand Pursuivant.

Comp. HAYES H. DUNCAN, of Chapter No. 183.

Grand Tyler.

Comp. WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, of Chapter No. 175.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

Comp. HIBBERT P. JOHN, P. G. H. P.

“ EDGAR A. TENNIS, P. G. H. P.

“ MICHAEL W. JACOBS, P. G. H. P.

“ H. OSCAR KLINE, P. G. H. P.

“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.

“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, P. G. H. P.

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“ GEORGE B. WELLS, P. G. H. P.

“ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., P. G. H. P.

“ DAVID J. DAVIS, P. G. H. P.

“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, P. G. H. P.

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Committee on Appeals.

- Comp. H. OSCAR KLINE, P. G. H. P.
“ THOMAS F. ASHFORD, JR.
“ JOHN C. TAYLOR.
“ WILLIAM A. RHOADS.
“ HENRY G. BRUNER.

Committee on Finance.

- Comp. A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. H. P.
“ WILLIAM M. DONALDSON.
“ E. MARSHALL HARVEY.
“ MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE.
“ ROBERT E. UMBEL.

Committee on By-Laws.

- . Comp. CARL A. SUNDSTROM, P. G. H. P.
“ A. HOWARD THOMAS.
“ FENTON H. MIDDLETON.
“ WILLIAM R. SUTCH.
“ JOHN A. PERRY.

Committee on Correspondence.

- Comp. WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.
“ H. FRANKLIN BROSSMAN.
“ EDWARD W. RUSHTON.
“ HARRY J. BELL.
“ ELI EDMUNDSON, JR.

Committee on Charity.

- Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS, P. G. H. P.
“ CHARLES S. WOOD.
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE.
“ CHARLES T. GILDEN.
“ AZOR HUNT.

Committee on Printing and Publishing.

Comp. LOUIS M. WAGNER.

- “ JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON.
- “ FRANK E. TOWNSEND.
- “ MURRAY GORGAS.
- “ ROBERT W. VOGT.

Capitular Schools of Instruction.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA.

Instructors.

Comp. ROBERT D. COLE, *Principal*.

- “ HENRY S. HAZLETT.
- “ BENJAMIN BISWANGER.
- “ IRVIN BRANDEIS.
- “ CLARENCE R. BROOKS.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PITTSBURGH.

Instructors.

Comp. FREDERICK R. GLASSER, *Principal*.

- “ JOHN W. BRANDON.
- “ JOHN BELL, JR.

MASONIC TEMPLE, SCRANTON.

Instructors.

Comp. RUFUS T. STROHM, *Principal*.

- “ ALEXANDER P. CLARK.
- “ JACOB A. FRANTZ.
- “ DAN E. CARPENTER.
- “ FREDERICK G. FARNHAM.
- “ CHARLES E. CLARKE.
- “ FRANK E. HAUSTEIN.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report in reference to request for recognition and exchange of Representatives of the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 27, 1923.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Correspondence have had referred to it a communication from R. E. Comp. FRANCIS B. REILLY, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan, asking for the recognition of said Grand Chapter and Exchange of Fraternal Representations.

From the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada, 1922, we learn that a petition was presented by a majority of the subordinate Chapters of the Province of Saskatchewan asking for the approval and recognition of a Grand Chapter in the Province of Saskatchewan. The petition, as well as one from the Chapters of the Province of Manitoba, was referred to a Special Committee, which reported in favor of the requests being granted, when the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

“Resolved, that the report of the Special Committee on the request of the Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan to form Grand Chapters in those Provinces be acceded to by this Grand Body.”

The Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan has been regularly constituted, Grand Officers elected and installed, and they now have the allegiance of all subordinate Chapters in the Province of Saskatchewan, hence, have met every requirement of this Grand Chapter.

We, therefore, offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania hereby extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan, and recommend the exchange of representatives.

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,

EDWARD W. RUSHTON,

H. FRANKLIN BROSSMAN,

Committee.

At the invitation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion RICHARD H. SPENCER, Grand Z. of Canada, made an address to the members of Grand Chapter, referring more particularly to the most cor-

dial fraternal relations existing between the Grand Chapter of Canada and our own.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock forty minutes P. M.

GEORGE B. WELLS,
Grand Secretary.

In Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
SAMUEL W. HOWITZ	No. 3	Nov. 20, 1922
BENJAMIN M. NEAD.....	" 21	Mar. 31, 1923
I. NEWTON LEEDS, JR.	" 21	Apr. 27, 1923
CARL REESE EABY	" 43	Feb. 18, 1923
GEORGE C. WALTERS	" 52	Feb. 25, 1923
WILLIAM C. MATCHETT	" 52	Mar. 1, 1923
EDWARD B. D. NEWHAUSER. "	52	Mar. 14, 1923
HARRY K. PALMER	" 91	June 9, 1923
RALPH M. ALLISON	" 150	Feb. 20, 1923
ROWLAND S. WILSON	" 162	Dec. 17, 1922
WILLIAM M. ISRAEL	" 163	Feb. 8, 1923
JESSE T. ROSS	" 164	Aug. 31, 1923
WILLIAM J. MacPHERSON....	" 169	Feb. 25, 1923
FORREST E. GORDON	" 169	May 26, 1923
CLARE P. DuSHANE	" 170	Jan. 4, 1923
WALTER D. CLARK	" 170	Apr. 13, 1923
JACOB LIVINGSTON, JR.....	" 171	Apr. 21, 1923
GEORGE W. GEISER	" 173	Oct. 23, 1923
JAMES BUTTERWORTH	" 175	Nov. 14, 1922
JOHN G. SCHAD	" 177	July 27, 1923
BENJAMIN EISEMAN	" 183	May 6, 1923
REUBEN A. ZIMMERMAN.....	" 185	Feb. 15, 1923
SAMUEL ROBERTS	" 190	Feb. 23, 1923
LEWIS G. STRITZINGER.....	" 190	May 27, 1923
ABRAHAM H. MARCH	" 190	Aug. 2, 1923
GEORGE F. GARSIDE	" 190	Oct. 29, 1923
JOHN S. SELL	" 192	Dec. 24, 1922
JACOB J. JANEWAY	" 192	Feb. 10, 1923
JOHN B. ARNOLD	" 193	Dec. 14, 1922
JOHN McKAIN	" 193	Feb. 27, 1923
THOMAS A. WRIGHT	" 193	May 7, 1923
ALFRED S. BISHOP	" 193	June 13, 1923

In Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
FRANCIS E. WATROUS	No. 194	July 13, 1923
JOHN D. ROBERTS	" 195	Jan. 16, 1923
WILLIAM D. POLLARD	" 196	Aug. 21, 1923
CHARLES H. KILLINGER.....	" 197	Apr. 8, 1923
ORLANDO P. EATON	" 200	Jan. 13, 1923
BENJAMIN W. STENNETT....	" 200	July 18, 1923
K. ALLEN LOVELL	" 201	Aug. 28, 1923
PHAON H. STETLER	" 203	Nov. 3, 1923
ELBERT P. JONES	" 204	Jan. 24, 1923
FRANKLIN WISENER	" 206	Jan. 5, 1923
M. GRANT MOHLER.....	" 209	Mar. 18, 1923
HARRY M. ZUG	" 209	Oct. 18, 1923
CHARLES H. TUTHILL.....	" 210	Oct. 12, 1923
FRED D. IRONS	" 212	Mar. 23, 1923
ANDREW F. HARRISON	" 214	Apr. 18, 1923
CHARLES S. HOOPER	" 215	Apr. 2, 1923
DAVID A. SAWDEY	" 215	June 1, 1923
ABSALOM REYNOLDS	" 215	Apr. 10, 1923
DOUGLASS BENSON	" 215	Nov. 18, 1922
JOSEPH G. MORRIS	" 217	Feb. 8, 1923
GEORGE E. WILBUR	" 218	Jan. 19, 1923
J. WILLIAM RITZ	" 219	July 4, 1923
JOHN H. LEHMAN	" 221	Apr. 19, 1923
HENRY W. HIBSCHMAN.....	" 221	Aug. 18, 1923
FRANKLIN P. D. MILLER....	" 224	July 18, 1923
WILLIAM W. ATCHISON.....	" 226	Apr. 20, 1923
S. EVERETT PENDLEBURY...	" 226	Oct. 21, 1923
JOHN W. KOONS	" 232	Nov. 9, 1922
JOSEPH S. GREENE	" 233	May 3, 1923
JAMES T. HALL	" 233	Aug. 21, 1923
SEBASTIAN S. BRYNER	" 235	Jan. 11, 1923

In Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
WILLIAM H. KESSLER.....	No. 237	Jan. 21, 1923
SAMUEL C. KINZER	" 238	Nov. 1922
WILLIAM G. PURSEL	" 239	Jan. 16, 1923
ADDISON K. HOWE	" 242	Mar. 9, 1923
WILLIAM L. MACDOUGALL...	" 242	June 23, 1923
JOHN FETCH	" 243	Mar. 6, 1923
CHRISTIAN BIEDERBECK ...	" 243	Sept. 5, 1923
PHINEAS P. GHEEN	" 245	Feb. 13, 1923
THOMAS W. LOGAN	" 245	July 30, 1923
WILLIAM B. REED	" 246	Apr. 22, 1923
SAMUEL B. COCHRANE	" 247	Feb. 27, 1923
JOHN P. NORMAN	" 249	June 4, 1923
GEORGE H. NORTH	" 251	Apr. 2, 1923
JAMES F. MICKEL	" 255	Dec. 14, 1922
JOSEPH W. KENWORTHY.....	" 256	Nov. 11, 1922
LEWIS E. SIMONS	" 259	Jan. 10, 1923
EDWARD A. BOYNE	" 260	Feb. 14, 1923
JOSEPH C. EGBERT	" 262	Jan. 12, 1923
FREDERICK CONSTANTINE..	" 270	Mar. 12, 1923
BURGOYNE RAYTON	" 270	July 16, 1923
PHILIP P. RITTER.....	" 272	Dec. 6, 1922
CHARLES P. LARGE	" 272	Feb. 26, 1923
JULIUS A. SMITH.....	" 276	July 9, 1923
STEWART C. GAILEY	" 280	June 14, 1923
WILLIAM H. THOMAS	" 283	Nov. 24, 1922
BENJAMIN F. GALLATIN	" 290	Oct. 29, 1923
MYRON DAVIS	" 292	June 15, 1923
CHARLES T. MOORE	" 299	Jan. 1, 1923

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The list following shows all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter and to whom the reviews were assigned:

ANNUAL
CONVOCAATION.

Alberta	March	} WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.
Alabama	December	
Arizona	November	
Arkansas	November	
British Columbia	June	
California	April	
Canada	February	
Colorado	September	
Connecticut	May	
Delaware	January	
District of Columbia	February	
England	May	
England and Wales	December	
England, Grand Mark Lodge ...	June	
Florida	May	} II. FRANKLIN BROSSMAN.
General Grand Chapter	September	
Georgia	April	
Idaho	June	
Illinois	October	
Indiana	October	
Iowa	July	
Ireland	December	
Kansas	February	
Kentucky	October	
Louisiana	February	
Maine	May	

Maryland	November	} EDWARD W. RUSHTON.
Massachusetts	December	
Michigan	January	
Minnesota	October	
Mississippi	February	
Missouri	April	
Montana	September	
Nebraska	December	
Nevada	June	
New Brunswick	August	
New Hampshire	May	
New Jersey	May	
New Mexico	October	
New South Wales	February	} HARRY J. BELL.
New York	February	
North Carolina	June	
North Dakota	June	
Nova Scotia	June	
Ohio	October	
Oklahoma	April	
Oregon	June	
Quebec	March	
Rhode Island	March	
Scotland	March	
South Carolina	February	
South Dakota	June	} ELI EDMUNDSON, JR.
Tennessee	January	
Texas	December	
Utah	May	
Vermont	June	
Victoria	October	
Virginia	November	
Washington	June	
West Virginia	November	
Wisconsin	February	
Wyoming	March	

We still continue Pennsylvania's custom of the Alphabetical Division of the Grand Chapters among the members of the Committee.

Two members of the Committee have retired, M. E. Companion JOHN M. CORE, becoming Grand High

Priest, and Companion GEORGE H. BANES. They have been replaced by Companion HARRY J. BELL, of Union Chapter, No. 165, and Companion ELI EDMUNDSON, JR., of Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162.

Prosperity still attends Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania, and, from the reports of other Jurisdictions, we conclude the same condition exists generally.

Prosperity should be considered in a two-fold sense. Financial prosperity and Masonic prosperity; Financial prosperity when the fee is paid and the degrees conferred upon an applicant who will rarely attend its meetings, but whose sole purpose is to wear a chapeau and display a Maltese cross; Masonic prosperity when those exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason appreciate the work of the degrees and study their meaning, attend its meetings and become interested in all the affairs of the Chapter, and believe the Royal Arch Degree is the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. The Royal Arch Degree is not a misnomer.

The Capitular Degrees have in the past generally been regarded as a stepping stone, a requirement to the so-called higher degrees, but this is gradually passing until a large percentage of those who receive them pause and think of the important lessons taught in these degrees, the order, system and regularity in the discharge of every duty in life. The solemn, imposing and impressive ceremonies inci-

dent to the erection and dedication of the Temple, and especially that sublime dedicatory prayer for the blessing of the Almighty and His favor and protection to His people, none like it ever offered by man, to which the Lord made immediate answer, "The fire came down from Heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifice, and the glory of the Lord filled the house," and the long intervening space between that and the wonderful journey from Babylon to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple and city. All these solemn ceremonies and lessons drawn therefrom make up Capitular Masonry.

The Order of DeMolay, originating at Kansas City, Missouri, has spread rapidly throughout the United States. It is confined to sons of Masons and their chums. Many organizations have been effected, largely in the West. It was originally sponsored by the Knights Templar, but we note instances where Grand Chapters have indorsed it. The object of the organization is to make better boys, hence better men.

We cannot understand how Freemasonry (referring to Symbolic and Capitular Masonry) can have anything to do with it officially, from the fact that it is not in any sense of the word and never can be a Masonic organization. Hence, hands off! The best statement that I have seen will be found under the head "Colorado." We, however, have a duty to perform as Masons and good citizens of the greatest country on earth, that is to advocate and

support in every possible way the organization of "DeMolay for Boys," that through its works and influence the sons of Masons and their chums may be brought together in a Brotherhood that will make better boys and necessarily better men and better citizens.

The custom of our Grand High Priests in holding District meetings for the exemplification of and instruction in the work has been productive of great good in our Jurisdiction, not only in becoming thoroughly familiar with the original established work of our Jurisdiction, but also in our acquaintance and knowledge of those active in Capitular work, and to know what Capitular Masonry means and teaches.

The Masonic year 1923 goes out with prosperity in our Grand and subordinate Chapters. May 1924 come in with greater prosperity for both.

W. B. M.

December 27, 1923.

ALABAMA.

The Ninety-sixth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Monday, December 4, 1922.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Due Form* at one o'clock P. M. by the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion JACOB BLEY.

The R. E. Grand Captain of the Host and R. E. Grand Principal Sojourner, by direction of the R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, escorted the M. E. Grand High Priest into the hall. He was proclaimed, given the Grand Honors and escorted to the East. Have given our opinion on this procedure.

The Grand High Priest then read his address. He carefully reviews his work of the year.

He refers to the principles upon which our Fraternity has ever stood and must ever stand.

“Among the principles for which our Fraternity has ever stood, and must ever stand, there are two in particular which are fundamental in their nature; the principle of reverence for God, and the principle of good-will to man. Upon these strong twin-pillars must eventually rest not only the structure of Masonry but also the structure of civilization. The principle of good-will to man finds its suitable expression in deeds of kindness and mercy. But it is more important for us to consider that it is from this principle that we derive the subsidiary principles of human equality of right, liberty of conscience and equality of opportunity. These are the principles which our Companions of the past have persistently declared and energetically defended. Their declaration and defense can never atone for us if we forsake them, but rather would the spirit of their earnest convictions rise to condemn us.

“The principle of reverence for God is at once more important and more difficult for us, as human beings, to achieve. Its only suitable expression is in character. Let us not forget that it is by our reverence for God that we are taught righteousness, truth, justice, service and all those great principles which make it possible for us to act towards one another as becometh Companions, and to so live in our relations to our fellows that our nation may endure.

“Life, whether individual or collective, at all times involves problems. But there comes times in the affairs of men and nations when these problems are multiplied and aggravated. Today our nation is in the midst of just such a period. America is now facing many unsolved problems which are the natural issue of our recent years of history. We are firm in our belief that those problems which so vex our people can only be solved as we apply to them the principles we have just been review-

ing. In this day of reaction and readjustment we have a serious part to play. It is urgent that we emphasize these principles not only by precept and admonition, but also by conduct and character. The hour calls for a most earnest teaching and living until these, our tenets, become the fully accepted tenets of our national faith.''

He issued a dispensation to organize a new Chapter, also to elect officers, due to failure of Chapters to hold their elections as prescribed by the by-laws, and to receive petitions and ballot out of time, although he disapproves of the practice. He made but one decision. He makes a recommendation that the Committee on Jurisprudence be directed to prepare and report to Grand Chapter a law providing for the consolidation of Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of twelve thousand seven hundred and sixteen and 26/100 (\$12,716.26) dollars.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the membership, October 15, 1922, to be thirteen thousand six hundred and eighty-three (13,683).

A number of distinguished visitors honored the Grand Chapter with their presence, as follows: Companion JULIAN F. SPEARMAN, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alabama; Companion HARTSFORD L. ISON, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama; Companion JOHN PHILIP MELVIN, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, and Most Excellent Companion GEORGE FLEMING MOORE,

Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama and Past Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. They were welcomed by the Grand High Priest and invited to seats in the East. They still favor strongly the Towner-Sterling bill, and the Committee on Masonry and American Citizenship make a report urging the Chapters which have not yet written their Senators and Representatives to do so at once. It is apparently a deserving bill, but it seems to lack proper backing.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had paid their subscription to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and further that they had donated twenty-five hundred dollars to the Alabama Masonic Home. Their financial condition would not justify further appropriation at this time.

There is no report from the Committee on Correspondence.

M. E. Companion JACOB BLEY was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP was re-elected Grand Secretary. Both were installed.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest will be found on the first page.

W. B. M.

ALBERTA.

The Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was held in the City of Edmonton, on Wednesday, the 14th, and Thursday, the 15th days of March, 1923.

M. E. Companion GEORGE B. McLEOD, Grand Z., opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form*, with all officers, four Past Grand First Principals, and representatives of twenty-four subordinate Chapters present.

The Grand Chapter was honored with the presence of the Honorable the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Companion DR. R. B. BRETT, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Alberta, Brother F. S. SELWOOD. They were received with Grand Honors.

Grand Chapter was called off that the Mayor of Edmonton might welcome the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Z. presented his address. It recounts the acts of a faithful Grand Z.

He made a large number of Grand Visitations, was cordially received and entertained. In a majority of cases he witnessed the conferring of at least one of the Capitular Degrees.

In the dispensations granted we find nine to ballot out of time, and those refused were acted upon properly.

He closes with these words:

“I am grateful for the good fellowship that has obtained throughout the year, in all the Chapters; may it ever continue, and may the great desire and ambition of each Companion be to advance the work of Capitular Masonry, that in our hearts and in the world about us we may more and more accomplish the purpose for which our Order was brought into being—the revelation of the Divine Mind and Will.”

The reports of the Grand Superintendents are full and complete. Always read them with pleasure.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows cash on hand, twelve hundred seventy-four 01/100 (\$1274.01) dollars.

The Financial Statement shows the assets to be thirty-five hundred and ten and 76/100 (\$3510.76) dollars. Considerable increase over last year.

The Grand Scribe E.'s report shows the present membership December 31, 1922, to be twenty-six hundred and eighty-five (2685), an increase of fifty-five during the year.

An address of Judge MORRISON is published in the proceedings. Who he is we don't know, but this we do know—that he delivered a very able and scholarly Masonic address of interest to all Masons. One paragraph is of unusual interest to Pennsylvania Masons, as follows:

“Coming to what was originally known as the American Colonies the record is much clearer. Among the early emigrants to these Colonies were many who had received initiation into English Lodges of Operative Masonry, and after the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717 warrants commissioning subordinate Lodges in these

Colonies were issued to nearly all of what was to become the thirteen original States. If you call the roll of men whose lives make up the history of these Colonies, who established their Governments, laid the foundations of their civil and religious institution, fostered literature, art and commerce, and later achieved political independence for their country, a search of the Masonic records of the times will disclose these names as foremost among our brethren. Washington, Franklin, Lafayette, Paul Revere, Jefferson, Morton, Warren, all pass by in glorious procession, telling by their actions as no words can tell that the spirit and teaching of Masonry as set forth in the lives of men is that by the soul can a nation be free and that in this freedom of the individual soul lies the basic truth upon which democracy is built. Pennsylvania was the first of the States to establish a regular Lodge of Speculative Masonry under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of England, and having Benjamin Franklin as its first Worshipful Master. This was in 1731, while Franklin became the first Grand Master of the State in 1735; while in the same year Warren, who was later to fall at Bunker Hill, was Grand Master for the State of Massachusetts. The records of every State yield the same ennobling story through all the years leading up to and culminating in the achievement of Independence, whose Declaration is the handiwork of men to whom Masonry was the very breath of their being, the whole fittingly crowned in 1793 by the splendid ceremonial of laying the conerstone of the Capitol with Masonic honors by George Washington, President of the newly-created Commonwealth and Past Grand Master of its Masonic Lodges.”

While it proves nothing, it gives the views of a distinguished individual Freemason.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Companions S. V. TAYLOR and J. E. JOHNSON. It is an able report and contains much of interest to the Capitular Mason. It is on the topical plan.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM T. COOTE was elected Grand First Principal Z., and R. E. Companion EDWIN G. IRONSIDE was re-elected Grand Scribe E. They were installed.

An engraving of the retiring Grand Z. will be found on the first page.

W. B. M.

ARIZONA.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona held their Thirty-third Annual Convocation in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Prescott, on February 13, 1923.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M. by M. E. Companion FRANK GOLDWIN BROWN, Grand High Priest. All Grand Officers (except two) and the representatives of ten Chapters were present.

Distinguished visitors as follows: M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, General Grand Secretary, were introduced, cordially welcomed and escorted to the East.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN was elected an Honorary Past Grand High Priest and R. E. Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER was elected an Honorary Life Member.

The Grand High Priest presented his address. He reviews his actions during the year, giving full information to Grand Chapter. The Chapters are all in good condition, peace and harmony prevailing throughout the Jurisdiction.

He constituted one Chapter and visited a number of subordinate chapters. We quote from visitations, the following:

“I regret that I was unable to visit all the Chapters in our Jurisdiction, but am pleased to report that it has been possible for me to visit some of them and to consult and advise with the officers of practically all of the balance in their home cities. From my visits and conferences I am of the opinion that the Companions of Arizona realize that there is something more to Royal Arch Masonry than a mere stepping stone to so-called higher degrees.”

We certainly agree with him. The Royal Arch Degree is the summit.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the assets of the Grand Chapter to be twelve thousand seven hundred seventy-four and 63/100 (\$12,774.63) dollars.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the membership December 31, 1922, to be twelve hundred and twenty-four (1224), a net gain during the year of forty-three (43).

There is no report of the Committee of Correspondence in the proceedings.

An engraving of the retiring M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion FRANK G. BROWN, is on the first page.

M. E. Companion MAX FIELDER was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE was re-elected Grand Secretary. They were installed by M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest, assisted by M. E. Com-

panion CHARLES A. CONOVER, General Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

ARKANSAS.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion JAMES W. OGLESBY, opened the Twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas in *Ample Form* on Thursday, November 23, 1922, at nine o'clock A. M., with the assistance of all the officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests, and representatives of fifty-eight subordinate Chapters. The first act after opening was the presentation of a Past Grand High Priest's jewel from the Grand Chapter of Arizona to M. E. Companion FAY HEMPSTEAD, a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas. They have elected him an Honorary Member.

Companion LEONIDAS KIRBY, Past Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, and the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Arkansas was received and welcomed.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then presented his address, in which he reviews the proceedings of the year in an able and businesslike manner. He takes a liberal view in granting dispensations and acted accordingly, having issued sixteen. Seven were right and proper, while a majority appear to be in

violation of the Constitution. He explains his course as follows:

“In granting special dispensations for holding Convocations out of time, receiving petitions, balloting upon candidates and conferring the degrees at special meetings, I have pursued a liberal policy, although realizing that such emergency is often the cause of negligence; but it has been my desire to aid and assist in the building up of the Chapters, and where I saw an enthusiasm displayed I deemed it wise to use all means in my power to give impetus to the movement.”

He made a number of visitations. At his instance the Grand Lecturer, M. E. Companion JOHN G. BONE, made a number of visitations to Chapters. One Chapter was restored and starts anew with renewed vigor. He pays his respects to certain Chapters which are not exactly dormant, but, as he terms them, in a comatose state, and has hopes for their revival. He urges the division of the Jurisdiction into eighteen Districts, and the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Lecturer for each District, under the supervision of the Grand Lecturer. A wise recommendation, which would be productive of much good and materially aid in solving the dormant Chapter problem, but the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that it be not approved. The report was adopted by Grand Chapter. They prefer to put an impossibility on the Grand High Priest. In closing he says:

“When I surrender the gavel it will be with both pleasure and regret; pleasure in knowing that the work is done and that I have done all in my power to perform the duties that the office imposed, and pleasure in feeling that the gavel will be placed in the hands of one well qualified to carry on the work, no doubt much better than I have done. But it is with regret that I leave behind the pleasant associations of the past year, and I shall regard as a priceless treasure the friendships acquired in the discharge of my duties.”

The Grand Secretary's report contains a suggestion in reference to reports of subordinate Chapters which is of value; the report shows the membership November 17, 1922, to be seventy-two hundred and ninety-seven (7297), a net gain during the year of three hundred and forty-two (342).

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a cash balance on hand of six thousand eleven and 15/100 (\$6011.15) dollars with an additional amount of five thousand (\$5000) dollars in United States Liberty Bonds.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was submitted by Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion MARK P. OLNEY. His reviews are brief, and fully cover the transactions of Grand Chapter. We quote from the report as follows:

"There is also growing throughout Capitular Masonry a desire to limit the rush through the degrees, in order to be eligible to receive the Shrine, and many States are putting limitations of both time and proficiency in Blue Lodge, before the applicant is eligible to petition for the Chapter degrees. The terms of service vary from three to twelve months probation as a Master Mason, and some States have the requirement that the applicant must attend as many as twelve regular communications of his Lodge and pass a satisfactory examination on the Master's Degree.

"The wisdom of these provisions is yet to be fully established."

An engraving of the new Grand High Priest is printed with the proceedings.

M. E. Companion NICK KISER was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion JOHN C. BOONE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia held three emergent Convocations for the purpose of constituting new Chapters, thus three new Chapters were added to their roll. The first was held at Grand View, Thursday, June 22, 1922, and was named the Triple Tau Chapter; the second was held at Ferine, Thursday, September 14, 1922, and was named Mount Moriah Chapter, and the third was held at Chilliwack, Monday, September 18, 1922, and was named Chilliwack Chapter. The Grand Z., M. E. Companion CHARLES F. SHERWIN, opened the Grand Chapter on each occasion with a full corps of officers, constituted and consecrated each Chapter and installed the officers.

The Fifth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of New Westminster, on Wednesday, June 20, 1923.

M. E. Companion CHARLES F. SHERWIN, Grand Z., opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M., with all Grand Officers present, also one Past Grand Z. and representatives of all the Chapters of the Jurisdiction.

The address of the Grand Z. is very lengthy, but contains much that is of importance to the Chapters under the Jurisdiction of British Columbia.

He made three rulings or decisions, two of which are in reference to physical defects. The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Z.'s address regarded them as of more than ordinary, and recommended that a Committee be appointed to investigate the subject, but Grand Chapter amended the report by the adoption of the following:

“Your Committee is of the opinion that the greatest care should be exercised in the matter of rulings upon the physical defects of petitioners for reception into Royal Arch Masonry.”

We fear too much laxity on this subject is shown in many Jurisdictions. Better adhere to a strict construction of the ancient usages and landmarks; consult the history of Freemasonry in the past.

He made official visits to all Chapters except one.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of fifteen hundred and ninety-nine and 32/100 (\$1599.32) dollars, and a balance in the Charity Fund of fifteen hundred and eighty-six and 87/100 (\$1586.87) dollars.

The Grand Scribe E.'s report shows the membership December 31, 1922, to be twenty-three hundred and seventy-three (2373), a net gain of one hundred and ninety-eight (198).

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by R. E. Companion JOHN W. PRESCOTT. It is an excellent report, fully up to last year. There is much in it we would like to refer to, but refrain from on account of space. Under South

Carolina he refers to the report of M. E. Companion J. L. MICHIE in reference to the Past Master degree. We regard the degree, if such it can be called, as a ceremony belonging solely to Symbolic Masonry. We receive a kindly review of two pages.

An engraving of the retiring Grand Z., CHARLES F. SHERWIN, is on the first page.

M. E. Companion V. W. STEWART was elected Grand Z. and R. E. Companion JOHN W. PRESCOTT was re-elected Grand Scribe E. They were installed.

W. B. M.

CALIFORNIA.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Stockton, on Tuesday, April 17, 1923.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion HIATT T. HIATT opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M., with a full complement of Grand Officers, six Past Grand High Priests, seven survivors of the earthquake and fire and representatives of one hundred and one subordinate Chapters.

The Past Grand High Priests of California, Grand Representatives, survivors of the earthquake and fire present at the morning session April 18, 1906, and distinguished visitors were cordially wel-

comed by the Grand High Priest and given Grand Honors.

A large number of distinguished visitors were present, among them the Deputy Grand Master and other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of California; the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, LEONIDAS P. NEWBY, and other officers of the Grand Encampment, the R. E. Grand Commander of Wisconsin, EDWARD F. ROWELL, the R. E. Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, RALPH C. MINEHART, and a large number of other past and present distinguished Grand Officers.

The Grand High Priest presented his address. We always get a good address from the Grand High Priest of California, and the present is no exception. He again refers to the sentiment of M. E. Companion JONES, "Masonically there is no North or South in California, but on the contrary but one California." How would it do to say of our country, Masonically, politically and in every other sense, there is no North, no South, no East, or no West, but one country of patriotic, God-fearing and God-loving citizens, with a devotion first to God and then to country.

He constituted three new Chapters. He issued twenty-nine dispensations to confer Royal Arch Degree, in accordance with a resolution of Grand Chapter of April 19, 1922. Why not amend the Constitution providing for the conferring of the Royal

Arch Degree upon as many as the Chapter desires? But few dispensations were issued for balloting out of time.

Three decisions were made. All good Masonic law. He made seventeen official visitations. He found the Chapters in good condition, and the work well done.

He recommends that the Secretaries send the Grand Secretary the form of petitions used, in order that a form of petition may be established and all subordinate Chapters required to use the established form. This is a wise provision and should be strictly enforced.

Under "General Observations" we find the following, which we quote:

"The message which I have endeavored to carry to the subordinate Chapters has been a very plain one and I feel that it is needless to again repeat it to you. It is the age-old story of our aims and our desires and what we consider the fundamental principles of our activities. There still exists in this land of ours a decided condition of unrest, and to the Masons there should be no halfway stand regarding those theories which nestle close to our hearts. We reiterate our stand for the proper education of the children of this country. We must guard the system which we have helped to erect and see that it does not fall into the hands of those pledged to unsound doctrines. They must not be taught that we have a divided allegiance with those who can never realize that we are a free and independent people. We must ever continue in the pathway of separation of church and State. No religion has the prerogative of controlling and dictating our governmental affairs. The wonderful progress made by our nation and the nations of the world which have thrown off the yoke of religious dominance shows that progress can be made without the 'guiding hand of intrigue.'

"Radicalism must not be permitted to undermine either our Government or our Masonic Lodges. Masonry has always taught her sons that

law and order were the first and primal duties towards our Government and we must ever and always strictly adhere to this doctrine. If this radicalism is engendered by reason of lack of law enforcement, then the means of removing unworthy officials are readily at hand, and it is your duty as well as mine to use that weapon, and on its proper use depends the future welfare and greatness of our nation and our Fraternity. In this respect I am willing to trust the individual Mason to do his duty. We must not permit any radicalism to creep into our Lodge affairs. Attempts have been made and are still being made to enkindle in the minds of certain members a hatred because of religion or sect, but this is not consonant with our vaunted doctrine of tolerance, and we are aware that this wholesome principle has caused many creeds to kneel at our sacred altars in taking the vows of Masonry. It is my belief that such radicalism, both towards the Government and our Fraternity, must be conquered. It must be ended, lest stigma and reproachment be placed on our banners and prove of benefit to our age-old foes. It is for you to choose, and I trust that you will choose wisely and for the best interests of our beloved fraternity.”

We endorse every word of it; it teaches love of God, love of Country and devotion to our great Fraternity.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the assets of the Grand Chapter, April 10, 1923, to be invested, sixty-four thousand five hundred (\$64,500) dollars; balance on deposit, April 10, 1923, fifteen thousand seven hundred twenty-eight and 83/100 (\$15,728.83) dollars.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the membership April 17, 1923, to be twenty thousand six hundred eighty-seven (20,687), a net gain during the year of fourteen hundred and forty-three (1443).

The Grand Lecturer's report is an interesting document. Much of it would be of interest to our Jurisdiction, but can only quote a small portion of it:

“I am glad to report that no aggravated cases of injecting extraneous matters into our ceremonies during the conferring of prescribed work have been observed or reported, and I am happy to know that there seems to be a growing desire on the part of Chapter officers to render the several degrees strictly in accordance with our ritual, and in every way to discourage any attempt at levity or frivolity. Companions, this is as it should be, and as I propose that it shall be. Every High Priest and other Chapter officer must and will be held strictly accountable to this Grand Chapter for the faithful performance of his duties and to his solemn obligation taken when accepting his office. Compliance with these duties constitutes the principle factor in the elevation and maintenance of our rite to the exalted position designed for it, and we must all work zealously hand in hand to attain this end.

“And in this connection I am privileged to state the rendition of our Capitular Degrees, as well as in the other branches of Masonry in California, is most favorably commented upon by strangers from other Jurisdictions; and this consideration also should induce our Chapter officers and members to embrace every opportunity for improvement, so that the high standard of efficiency which we are capable of maintaining may awaken pride within ourselves, may serve as a worthy example to others, and act as an incentive to our successors to emulate our good work.”

Levity or frivolity has no place in Freemasonry. Every attempt at either should be severely dealt with, and a punishment inflicted which would strike terror to those who disturb the solemnity of Masonic ceremonies.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was again prepared by R. E. Companion MAX A. PLUMB. Have read it carefully, and deem it an elegant report and a credit to the writer. While I am a little skeptical of the Topical Plan, must acknowledge that this report is a model. The correspondence between the Grand High Priest of Kentucky, M. E. Companion JAMES F. WINN, and Grand Secretary M. E. Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, clearly

defines our position on courtesy degrees. The question of Marks received considerable attention. From the reviews this affects every Grand Chapter. It seems to the writer that the prompt punishment of a violation of an obligated duty will solve this problem.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion HIATT T. HIATT, is found on the first page.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM PENN HUMPHREYS was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion THOMAS ABRAHAM DAVIES was re-elected Grand Secretary. They were installed.

W. B. M.

CANADA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada held their Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, City of Toronto, on February 28 and March 1, 1923.

M. E. Companion RICHARD H. SPENCER, Grand Z., opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, February 28, 1923, with a full complement of Officers, a large number of Grand Superintendents, and the representatives of one hundred and forty-one Chapters present.

After opening, a civic welcome was extended to the Grand Chapter by the Mayor of Toronto, Com-

panion ALFRED MAGUIRE. He spoke not only from an official standpoint, but as a Companion Royal Arch Mason. Then followed the address of welcome from the nineteen subordinate Chapters of Toronto.

The roll of Grand Representatives was called, Pennsylvania answering present. They were welcomed by the Grand Z., to which R. E. Companion E. B. BROWN responded.

The Grand Z. presented his address. It is very lengthy, and gives full details of his service. He refers to the passing of three of the most devoted members of the Grand Chapter, M. E. Companions ABRAHAM SHAW, W. S. R. MARCH and W. G. REID, Past Grand Z. They were constant in their attendance of Grand Chapter. They will be greatly missed.

He refers courteously to visitors of other Grand Jurisdictions, among them being Pennsylvania. He visited a number of Grand Chapters, namely, those of the Province of Quebec and the States of Michigan, New York and Massachusetts. To the latter he was accompanied by that distinguished Mason, M. E. Companion WILLIAM N. PONTON, Past Grand Z.

He visited a large number of subordinate Chapters in Northern, Eastern and Central parts of Ontario. He impressed upon the Companions the necessity of living up to the teachings of Royal Arch Masonry.

He accompanied a number of Companions of "The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, of Toronto," to New York, for the purpose of visiting "Ancient Chapter, No. 1." The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a manner that was approved by all present. Why didn't they continue their journey to Philadelphia, and witness perfection?

He made a large number of rulings (decisions), all of which would meet with approval in our Jurisdiction.

He issued dispensations for formation of ten new Chapters, and consecrated and dedicated eight new Chapters. Under the head "A Word to Chapters," we quote the following:

"I would urge the prompt opening of Chapters and an expeditious performance of the work, at the same time remembering that our aim should be to make Royal Arch Masons, and not just Chapter members.

"Let it be understood that Royal Arch Masonry is not a stepping stone or an afterthought, that has been tacked on to Ancient Craft Masonry, but that it is part of that Ancient body, although working under a Grand Body of its own.

"Make it known to Master Masons that the Most Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch is calculated to impress upon one's mind a firm belief in the existence and attributes of a Supreme Being, and that it directs a due reverence for His great and sacred name."

The Grand Superintendent's report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in their respective Districts is valuable to the Grand Chapter and interesting to the reader.

The reception of distinguished visitors consumed considerable time of the Grand Chapter and consid-

erable space in the proceedings. The introductions and replies are very able and truly Masonic, and deserving of a place in the proceedings. Our Jurisdiction was represented by M. E. Companion JOHN M. CORE, Grand High Priest (who responded in behalf of the Jurisdiction), M. E. Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Past Grand High Priest, and Companion ROBERT E. UMBEL.

Petitions were presented by eight Chapters in the Province of Manitoba asking for the approval and recognition for a Grand Chapter for the Province of Manitoba, also a similar petition from seventeen Chapters in the Province of Saskatchewan, asking for the approval and recognition for a Grand Chapter for the Province of Saskatchewan. They were recommended by a sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee and approved by the Grand Chapter. M. E. Companion WILLIAM N. PONTON, Past Grand Z., extended to the new Grand Chapters to be formed the sincere congratulations of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the investments of Grand Chapter on January 31, 1923, to be fifty-five thousand seven hundred sixty-one and 80/100 (\$55,761.80) dollars; in bank, thirteen thousand five hundred ninety-four and 40/100 (\$13,594.40) dollars.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. shows the number of warranted Chapters, December 31, 1923, to be

one hundred and seventy-eight (178), and the number of members on the same date to be twenty-seven thousand five hundred and forty-nine (27,549), an increase during the year of fifteen hundred and sixty-three (1563).

The report on the "Condition of Capitular Masonry" was prepared by M. E. Companion WILLIAM N. PONTON, Past Grand Z. It is lengthy and very able. We quote from it:

"Your Committee is again privileged to report that all is well with the great co-operative Commonwealth of Capitular Craftsmanship—that the various officers and Committees are functioning properly and productively and that the membership continues to be of that excellent calibre and quality which should always characterize a living vital organism of men of goodwill whose central ganglion is that spirit of duty, discipline, devotion and reverence which animates and is reflected from the stately and rhythmic ritual, and the principles and teachings of our Royal Craft. It is not a theory or code of ethics alone, not a visionary and unattainable ideal, but a condition, an experience, a philosophy of life. Watchmen on the lookout towers of the outposts, what of the Night? All's well! Stewards of the Mysteries nearer the centre, what of the Night? All's well! Custodians and Trustees of the treasures—what of the Night? All's well! The Day is at hand. The pulse is quickening. Royal Arch Masons are awakening to their opportunities for good in constructive policies; and with greater numbers they add more concentration of purpose and unanimity of aim."

A beautiful picture drawn by a master hand. Again in closing, his language is inspiring to every Royal Arch Mason. Read the following:

"Your Committee have confidence in the abiding strength and creative vitality of the condition of our Masonry so long as we of one accord are animated by the spirit of that virile virtue which rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, vaunteth not herself, thinketh no evil. Let sincerity be our motto. We cannot camouflage before the Almighty. Let us keep in touch with the centre and enlarge our concentric circle. Let us stand four square together,

this Grand Chapter being the expression of the will and the spirit of all; and believing in the symbolism of the immortal Triangle, let us make and keep the Royal Arch Temple of humanity a great laboratory wherein is moulded, developed and evolved the triple alliance of mind and heart and will.

“That faultless trinity—
Of body, mind and spirit;
Whoso would mark and reach
The height of man’s election
Must still achieve and teach
The Triplicate perfection.”

“And amid lofty ideals, and depth of thought and educative influences in this great school of character—the Chronicles of the Chapters tell us that the members are buoyant optimists and do not neglect the joy of life as gatherers of gladness, and that touch of nature which makes and keeps the whole world kin.

“These are the things I prize,
And hold of dearest worth:
Light of the sapphire skies,
Shadow of clouds that swiftly pass,
The smell of flowers,
And of the good brown earth,
And, best of all, along the way,
Friendship and mirth.”

The report of the Committee on the Grand Z.’s address in discussing “The Order of DeMolay for Boys,” uses the following:

“The Order of ‘DeMolay for Boys’ has apparently had very rapid growth in the United States. Its object is to make better boys and better future citizens, a most laudable desire on the part of its sponsors. Up to the present there are no branches of the Order in Canada; it is not a Masonic organization, although sponsored by Masons. While it may be in every sense a most worthy institution, yet it is new to the members of this Jurisdiction, and your Committee believe that the interests of Grand Chapter will be best served by observing at least for the present a judicious period of observation.”

We regard the “Order of DeMolay for Boys,” as deserving of every consideration that can be given. Its object is to make better boys, hence better men,

but it is not Masonry, hence all we can do is to encourage it. Let the Consistory and Commandery sponsor it.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence was again prepared by R. E. Companion EDWARD B. BROWN. It is his eighth annual report, and the last. He has served his Grand Chapter ably and faithfully. His declination will be greatly regretted, not only by his own Grand Chapter, but by Capitular Masons in general. His report covers eighty-eight pages and is complete in every respect. There is much we would like to quote, but space forbids. We however quote under "Texas," the words of their Grand High Priest on "Masonry":

"Let not the enemies of Masonry, who receive their inspiration, their edicts and their orders, from ecclesiastical headquarters, dictating the policy of State, inspired rulers across the seas or Imperial Wizards entrenched behind a fortress of mythical magic and superstitious sepulchres, cast aspersions upon our beloved Fraternity with the time-worn and oft-refuted accusations that Masonry protects the criminal, encourages infidelity, or seeks to take the place of the Church. Masonry does not furnish a rendezvous for the unlawful or the intemperate, neither is it a peaceful abiding place for the irreligious libertine.

"Masonry very properly prohibits the passage through her private portals of the atheist and the infidel, requiring all to pass through an initiatory ceremony which ultimately leads to primary truth where each must announce a profound belief in the existence of the True and Ever-living God.

"History, ancient, mediæval, and modern, discloses the fact that Masonry has ever been the promoter of education, the disseminator of knowledge and understanding, the hand-maid of virtue, the protector of the home, the defender of religion, and the preserver of the Bible. It has always given liberally of its substance to the support and maintenance of worthy widows and helpless orphans, and its sword is continuously drawn in the defence of innocent maidens and constituted authority."

While the retirement of Companion BROWN will be greatly regretted, all will rejoice that he will be succeeded by M. E. Companion WILLIAM N. PONTON, Past Grand Z.

M. E. Companion RICHARD H. SPENCER was re-elected Grand Z., and R. E. Companion HENRY T. SMITH was elected Secretary. They were installed.

W. B. M.

COLORADO.

The Forty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was held in the City of Denver, on Thursday, September 21, 1922.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL J. SWEET, Grand High Priest, opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form*, at ten o'clock A. M. All Grand Officers were present, also fourteen Past Grand High Priests and representatives of forty-five subordinate Chapters.

M. E. Companion WALTER DANIELS, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Utah, was introduced and welcomed by the Grand High Priest. Then followed the introduction and reception of that distinguished Mason, M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri, and General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. He was welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and responded briefly.

The Representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter were welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and Companion SIDNEY J. KNILL responded for the Grand Representatives.

The Grand High Priest presented his address. It is quite lengthy, and contains a complete review of his administration, and considerable for the benefit of Capitular Masonry in general. We quote from his address:

“It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I point to the earnest workers in our Chapters. True, greater progress has been made in some Chapters than others, but valid reasons can be advanced why greater success has been achieved in one locality over another. Unremitting service is characterizing the life of our work; sacrifices are being made every day on the part of these workers, but their watchword, prompting them onward, is not ‘What can I get out of life?’ but ‘How much can I give to make the world better because I have lived in it?’

“With such spirit dominating the circles of our Institution, success is sure to follow, and great shall be your reward. Therefore, I congratulate you, one and all, for the splendid condition of Capitular Masonry within our Grand Jurisdiction.”

He issued but five dispensations. Several seem to conflict with the Constitution. He made two decisions which are unquestionably good Masonic law, and were approved by the Committees on Jurisprudence and the Grand Chapter.

He granted a dispensation to constitute a new Chapter at Craig.

A large number of requests were received from other Grand Jurisdictions, asking that the degrees be conferred upon candidates residing within the

Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Colorado. The courtesy was granted in all cases.

He made twenty-nine official visitations, and gives his views on visitations as follows:

“I am strongly in favor of the Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer (if it is not possible for all the Grand Chapter Officers), to visit all the Chapters in the State each year. I honestly believe it will tend to create more interest, and *then more* enthusiasm will follow and *greater* will be the results.

“The presence of the Grand Officers in the subordinate Chapters brings the membership in just a little closer relationship with each other; they are glad to see the man and hear what he has to say for Capitular Masonry.

“A new face is always welcome, whether it be at home or abroad, and visitation to subordinate Chapters is no exception to the rule. I have demonstrated it, and I know whereof I speak.

“Let us keep up the good work, and great shall be our reward.”

The DeMolay Order for Boys is a source of trouble for this Grand Chapter. We quote a resolution adopted by Sterling Chapter, No. 47:

“At the last regular meeting of Sterling Chapter, No. 47, Royal Arch Masons, the following resolution was duly made and seconded:

“Resolved, That the High Priest and Secretary of Sterling Chapter, No. 47, be and are hereby directed to apply for “Letters Temporary” in the order of DeMolay, with the intention of such an Order being organized and sponsored by this Chapter in Sterling, subject to the direct disapproval of either the Grand High Priest or the Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to both of the above-mentioned officers for their official action.”

“The above resolution is self explanatory, and we await your action.”

“It will be noticed from the foregoing correspondence that Sterling Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M., took no cognizance of my letter to them dated October 18, 1921, as evidenced by the action taken per their letter dated October 31, 1921.

“Before answering their letter dated October 31, 1921, I deemed it wise to call a conference of the Officers and Past Grand High Priests of

the Grand Chapter to talk the matter over. The result was that about twenty were present, and after going over the situation in a deliberate manner, it was practically a unanimous vote that no recognition or sponsoring of such an Order should be given, whereupon I addressed Sterling Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M., under date of November 19, 1921, to this effect:

“ ‘In my letter of October 18, 1921, I called your attention to the statement of the fundamental principles of Masonry and the recommendations made by the Grand Master that were adopted and approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Colorado, September 20, 1921.

“ ‘The landmarks and principles of ancient Craft Masonry, as I understand them, do not permit the sponsoring of any body not so recognized by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado, and, as the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado is a recognized body of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Colorado, then it naturally follows that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado cannot sponsor a body or organization of any kind whatsoever not Masonic.

“ ‘Therefore, I disapprove the above-quoted resolution.’

“ ‘It is not my intention or purpose to comment on the merits of the DeMolay Order for Boys. It is not Masonic, therefore, not within my province to comment upon it officially.’”

We endorse the Grand High Priest's reply. It is not Masonry, hence the Grand Chapter can have nothing to do with it. In closing he says:

“ ‘I love Masonry and all that its name implies. Capitular Masonry embodies spiritual desires for a life that tends to Immortality.

“ ‘When we delve into the history of the Masonic World, we find that through all the catastrophies of many years, the Institution of Masonry is unblemished and challenges the world for higher thoughts and purer motives.

“ ‘During my period of activity in its ranks, I have seen the world torn asunder by wars and civil strife with its tearing down and destroying life program enacted throughout the land; but Masonry, that grand, ennobling, inspiring Institution, whose foundation is that great Light of Masonry, the Holy Bible, has stood the crucial test and will continue on until time shall be no more.

“ ‘May those upon whose shoulders the mantle of authority shall rest, be endowed with the richness of His grace and goodness, so that generations will continually find out the right.’”

We wish every Mason in our Jurisdiction could read the Grand High Priest's address.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the invested assets to be twenty thousand eight hundred forty (\$20,840) dollars, with cash on hand seven thousand three hundred twenty-five and 13/100 (\$7325.13) dollars.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the membership July 31, 1922, to be seven thousand eight hundred and thirteen (7813), a net gain of two hundred and thirty-three during the year.

The report of the Grand Lecturer is very interesting reading, and of great value to the Capitular Masons of Colorado.

The General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, addressed Grand Chapter in an able and instructive address. We give what he says and thinks of Royal Arch Masonry and the Royal Arch Degree.

“Now, as I said, I have no hesitancy in saying what I think of Royal Arch Masonry. I have taken all the degrees of the Scottish Rite and I am a worker in the Scottish Rite. I am acting as Prior in the Consistory, in the thirty-second degree, and I want to say to you candidly and honestly that there is more practical work and more practical teachings, morally and spiritually, in Royal Arch Masonry than in all the other degrees combined. That is why I am the champion of Capitular Freemasonry. I know what it teaches and what it means. I have but one propaganda and that is Royal Arch Freemasonry. I am talking for the sublimity of our ceremonies, the impressiveness of our ceremonies and the great educational outgrowth that must come from the study of

Capitular Freemasonry. We haven't anything else to offer, but if we attain to that, we shall accomplish a great deal.

“Brethren, the Royal Arch Degree is a great degree. Masonry revolves around one great center, the Master's Word. It is lost and it must be recovered and it must be interpreted. It is lost in the Master's Degree and it is not recovered. You were put off with a substitute after you had been promised the Master's Word. You were put off. It is recovered in the Royal Arch. The Royal Arch is the complement of the Master's Degree. It is the second volume of the story; it is the fulfillment of a promise and an obligation, and so I say again what I said last night, that the Master Mason is not fully qualified unless he has received the Royal Arch Degree, and therefore I have no hesitancy in saying to every Master Mason: ‘You are not fully equipped. You should receive the Royal Arch. Of course, you may be limited by legislation. If I lived in Colorado, I would say it to him after a year, but if he lived in Missouri, I would tell it to him the next day after he got the Master Mason Degree. Remember what the United Grand Lodge of England has said. It has made one declaration that is a foundation stone. What is ancient Craft Masonry? The Grand Lodge of England said: “It consists of the degrees Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, together with the Holy Royal Arch.” That is the definition by the Grand Lodge of England as to what constitutes ancient Craft Masonry. When you take the three degrees to constitute ancient Craft Masonry, you are in contradiction with the mother Grand Lodge, because that Grand Lodge says together with the Holy Royal Arch, because that comprehends much that was lost, so if anybody asks you of what ancient Craft Masonry consists, the declaration is what I have just told you. So the Royal Arch Degree is part of the Master Mason Degree, and we owe it to every Master Mason to see that he is enlightened on this subject. He is in search of the eternal truth and he ought to get it.’ ”

The report of the Committee of Correspondence was prepared by M. E. Companion ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER, assisted by Companion JACOB M. MEALS. It is an able report. Under District of Columbia he touches on the subject of dispensations, as follows:

“He granted three dispensations to waive statutory period of residence, something I don't think ever done in Colorado in the forty-six years of existence of its Grand Chapter, and I hope never will be. If a candidate cannot wait the few necessary months, I don't think he will make

a good member. But we are pleased to see that he generally refused dispensations to those anxious for advancement solely for the purpose of making the Chapter a stepping stone to reach an objective. He reports 836 exalted and a total membership of 5,984.”

We say amen to every word of it. The power to set aside the provisions of the Constitution is not and never was intended to be vested in one man.

He also speaks of railroading candidates, which is certainly an important subject at this time. We give it:

“He notes as a subject of general interest and importance the slow but strong tide of opposition to the practice that has existed in most Grand Jurisdictions for many years of ‘railroading’ candidates from Blue Lodge up through the American and Scottish Rites to the Shrine, so that two Grand Lodges—Colorado and Nebraska—have forbidden their members to apply for the so-called ‘higher degrees’ until they have been Master Masons one year, and have compelled their Grand Chapters under penalty of severance of fraternal relations to conform to the regulations. He says:

“ ‘It is much to be doubted whether a Grand Lodge in fact has any authority whatsoever over any Masonic Bodies other than its own Blue Lodges.’

“The Grand Lodge of Colorado does not claim any authority over purely capitular action, but it does claim and we think it cannot be successfully controverted, authority over all Blue Lodge Masons in its Jurisdiction, and whenever in its wisdom it sees a tendency toward acts which may bring disgrace or discredit on its membership it has authority to prevent such acts by its members. Nebraska has thought it not too much to prevent their joining the Shrine for five years after being raised. Agitation against ‘rushing’ candidates through the bodies after receiving the degree of Master Mason is going on in a large number of States, and Grand Masters have scored such methods to a finish. When the public and even Masons realize that there is no such thing as high Masons it will be a glorious day for Masonry. The highest Mason is not the one with a high numeral or a fez symbol of Islam, but the ‘Master Mason.’ The Grand Master of Masons of a State has authority over all Masons in his Jurisdiction, no matter how high sounding may be the title of others, for if the foundation is cut away the superstruc-

ture, no matter how ornate, will fall, and that is what will happen unless there is a drastic modification of the methods of campaigning for candidates. Masonry won't stand for showy street parades, circuses with suggestive advertising or lobster smokers (see Proceedings Grand Lodge of Colorado, 1902). Masonry should be unobtrusive and a teacher of good morals only.''

Pennsylvania receives a courteous review of two pages.

An engraving of the new Grand High Priest adorns the first page.

M. E. Companion WILL D. GRISARD was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. COOPER was re-elected Grand Secretary. They were installed.

W. B. M.

CONNECTICUT.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut held their One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Hartford, on Tuesday, May 8, 1923.

M. E. Companion ARTHUR N. NASH, Grand High Priest, opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M., having all Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of forty-three Chapters present. One Chapter unrepresented.

A large number of distinguished visitors from the Grand Jurisdictions of Ohio, New Hampshire, New

Jersey, Rhode Island, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the General Grand Chapter, our Jurisdiction being represented by M. E. Companion JOHN M. CORE, Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Grand King.

The Grand High Priest then presented his address. It is a good one. He presents his actions of the year in a positive manner. In speaking of the growth of Capitular Masonry we quote:

“Most of our Chapters are showing the steady, healthy growth that is to be desired, and are, judging from the number of rejected candidates, being more careful in their choice. I am reminded of a short sketch that appeared in one of our Masonic papers a short time ago, ‘All Masonic Bodies have turned out too many theoretical Masons. Masonry needs more of the shoulder-to-shoulder Masonry and less of the elbow-to-elbow brand, as exemplified at the banquet table; it needs more of the heart and less of the mouth; it should find expression in giving rather than taking, and, paramount to all, men who can serve and not swerve.’ I fear too often we have made members, not Capitular Masons.”

He is correct. There are too many of the elbow to elbow brand of Masons who only attend when a banquet is announced.

He made thirteen official visits to Chapters of his own Jurisdiction, and quite a number to other Jurisdictions, among them our own.

He was asked to grant a number of dispensations. He granted seven and refused one. He gives his reason for action on each dispensation, which is proper. In the one refused he gives his reason as follows:

“Reason: so that certain men might apply to the Shrine. Request denied. While I have always been active in the Shrine, do not believe in making the Chapter simply a stepping stone for the other Masonic Bodies, and as the only reason (stated) for asking for this dispensation is ‘that certain men may apply to those bodies,’ I am obliged to decline your request.”

When did the Shrine become a Masonic body?

He made a number of decisions which are all right, but with us, we appropriate money solely for purposes which are Masonic. The DeMolay is a very worthy object, yet it is not Masonic.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe presented reports of three visitations and events occurring at the meetings.

The Grand Treasurer’s report shows a balance on hand of seven thousand eight hundred and forty-eight and 54/100 (\$7848.54) dollars.

The Grand Secretary’s report shows the membership April 30, 1923, to be fifteen thousand one hundred and twenty-two (15,122), a net gain in membership of seven hundred and thirty-two (732).

The various Committees of Grand Chapter presented their annual reports, which were unanimously approved, showing that peace and harmony prevail.

The report of the Committee of Correspondence was presented by M. E. Companion GEORGE A. KIES, Past Grand High Priest. This is his fifteenth annual report. His reports are of high standard; the report of 1923 is no exception. There are many of

his reports which would be valuable to Pennsylvanians. We quote:

“A resolution was adopted endorsing the Towner-Sterling bill and providing that copies be sent to the President, numerous Senators and Congressmen, etc. What practical good will this do? Will it not belittle us as an organization? Grand Bodies had better leave these matters to the individual Mason, who, upon an average, has always been a mainstay to patriotism and philanthropy.”

We endorse the above quotation. Keep Masonry out of politics. If the “Towner-Sterling bill” is so important and has merit it will become a law without Freemasonry being mixed up in it. In his review of Maine he strikes a keynote which it seems should meet the approval of all.

“We are glad to note his disbelief in the alvisability of ‘sponsoring’ the DeMolay movement. We believe that Masonry should keep its hands off of all outside organizations.”

The order of DeMolay is not Masonic in any sense of the word. It is not confined to the sons of Masons, but also their chums. As individuals encourage it. As Masons hands off. Under Vermont, we quote:

“It seems to be an established custom for the Grand High Priest to ignore the by-laws of the Chapters and change the date and hour of meeting of the Chapters. The Grand High Priest kept up the custom by changing the date of the stated Convocations in two instances and the hour in one instance. The Jurisprudence Committee called it all O. K., but we can but feel that it is beyond the prerogative of any Grand High Priest to set aside either the by-laws of Grand or Subordinate Chapters.”

We approve every word of it. They are my sentiments. The Constitution of a Grand Chapter or the By-laws cannot be set aside, except by the power that

made them, and the sooner we get away from such ideas, the better.

We are ignored; possibly proceedings not received.

An engraving of the retiring M. E. Grand High Priest adorns the first page.

M. E. Companion F. WARD DEKLYN was elected Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion GEORGE A. KIES was re-elected Grand Secretary. They were installed.

W. B. M.

DELAWARE.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Wilmington, on Wednesday, January 17, 1923.

M. E. Companion GEORGE A. SALMON, Grand High Priest, opened Grand Chapter at four o'clock P. M., with all Grand Chapter Officers, twenty-two Past Grand High Priests, representatives of all Chapters (5) and a number of permanent members present.

Distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania and New Jersey were introduced and received with Grand Honors, Past Grand High Priest A. G. CRISWELL SMITH representing Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest presented his address. It is of considerable length and is a complete review of his year's work.

He issued several dispensations to confer the degree out of time. The idea of setting aside the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws is becoming quite fashionable with many Grand Jurisdictions.

He visited all Chapters of the Jurisdiction, and was most cordially received in his visit to St. John's Chapter, No. 4. M. E. Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Grand High Priest, was among the distinguished visitors.

In closing he says what we believe will interest Royal Arch Masons generally, as follows:

“The unfinished tree perfects itself by a law of growth which it must obey, but to man is accorded the privilege of standing so near to his Creator as to choose between deformity and growth. It is what our hands do in trying to perfect unfinished things, it is the errands upon which our feet go, it is the service we try to render and above all it is the record of our work that is the true measure of our gratitude, and it is with feelings of gratefulness that I thank you for the high honor you have conferred upon me, and for the privilege of serving you as your Grand High Priest.

“That this institution, erected to God, and devoted to the building up of our moral and spiritual character is a ‘Goodly Heritage,’ and like our rites and mysteries, has been handed down unchanged by time and uncontrolled by prejudice. It has been my constant aim and hope to transmit it with the same scrupulous purity to my successors, and I hope that the coming years will bring greater growth and success than we have ever had in the past.”

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance of nine hundred and sixty-seven and 30/100 (\$967.30)

dollars, with total assets of seventeen hundred and eighty-one and 27/100 (\$1781.27) dollars.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the membership January 17, 1923, to be two thousand twenty-four (2024), a net gain during the year of fifty-seven (57).

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Companion THOMAS J. DAY. He writes a good report. We receive kindly mention. He states that the printer changed the name of Grand Secretary HORN to HOM. That wouldn't surprise us. We read the proof and believe it was correct. An examination of our copy of the proceedings spells it correct.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion GEORGE A. SALMON, is on the first page.

M. E. Companion CHARLES E. WILLIN was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion STUART J. HORN was re-elected Grand Secretary. They were installed.

W. B. M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia held a Special Convocation in the Masonic Temple, on December 8, 1922. The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion DELAS W.

THAYER, opened Grand Chapter at 1.15 o'clock P. M. A large majority of Grand Officers were present; also nine Past Grand High Priests and a large number of members of Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest announced the death of Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion SAMUEL ROBERT BOND, in the ninety-first year of his age. Pall bearers on behalf of Grand Chapter were announced; also a committee to prepare a suitable memorial.

The Grand Lodge, followed by the Grand Chapter, proceeded to the home of Past Grand High Priest BOND, thence to the Rock Creek Cemetery, where the funeral service was performed by Dawson Lodge, No. 16. Grand Chapter then returned to Masonic Temple and closed in *Ample Form*.

The Forty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held in the Masonic Temple, Wednesday, February 14, 1923. M. E. Companion DELAS W. THAYER opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M. All Grand Chapter Officers, seven Past Grand High Priests, and representatives of the fourteen subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction were present.

Distinguished visitors, Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions CHARLES L. HAMD, of Ohio, and SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS, of Tennessee, were introduced and cordially greeted by the Grand High

Priest. M. E. Companion Past General Grand High Priest GEORGE E. CORSON was presented at the altar, accorded Grand Honors and fraternally welcomed by the Grand High Priest. A fraternal greeting was also extended to the M. W. Grand Master of the District of Columbia. Next followed the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest. It is well worth reading, containing, as it does, much of value to the Grand Chapter. In his introduction he voices a sentiment which will be approved by all, as follows:

“Notwithstanding a certain responsibility and work which I felt must accompany the office of the Grand High Priest, I must say that I have found my duties neither too many nor too arduous to in the least disturb the joy and pleasure I have had in their performance.

“Companions, in proportion as you have given me the authority to speak for you and to you, just so have you stimulated my belief in all the beauties and tenets of our Craft. I would have all my Companions to feel that when we have wrought in the quarries through life’s short day, and have produced those specimens of our work which have been approved as good and square and true, the sweetest thought that can come to us will be that we have loved one another.

“I would have you know and more firmly feel that our Fraternity is founded upon brotherhood, and after all is said brotherhood is love.

“If our hearts are purified by love of God and man, we shall stand justified before the Grand Overseer in the last day; for ‘love is the fulfilling of the law.’ ”

Our Fraternity should be founded upon Brotherhood and all that Brotherhod means.

He prevented an apparent attempt to violate the Constitution in the preventing the conferring of more than one degree upon an applicant at the same Convocation. We believe the interests of Capitular Masonry would be best served by a requirement that a month must elapse between the conferring of each degree.

He granted but few dispensations, but, as usual, some are of doubtful propriety.

He is enthusiastic over the erection of a new Masonic Temple. The Grand Lodge has taken title to a tract of land for this purpose at a cost of nine hundred thousand (\$900,000) dollars. We quote the following:

“During the past year the Grand Lodge has done a vast amount of initiatory work towards the ultimate erection of a new United Masonic Temple in the Nation’s capital. A magnificent tract of land, nine and a quarter acres, has been purchased at a cost of nine hundred thousand dollars, and title to the same has been taken in name of the Grand Lodge. Deed to this property and the keys to the mansion thereon were presented to the Grand Master July 15, 1922, in the presence of 5,000 Master Masons and their families, and members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

“An intensive campaign for funds necessary for payment for the property has resulted in gifts to the fund of fully \$900,000 and visions of the completed temple are already before the eyes of our brethren. Our Companion Past Grand Master CHARLES CYRUS COOMBS surely made history during 1922, and the Masonic world is expecting the time will not be far distant when Temple Heights will be crowned with the most magnificent Masonic edifice in the world.”

May success attend their efforts. There is no place on our continent more appropriate for the erection of a Masonic Temple of such magnificence than our National Capital, unless it be our own Philadelphia, where Liberty was first proclaimed throughout the land.

He made both Grand and Official Visitations to the fourteen subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction. In concluding he uses the following:

“How swiftly the sands in life’s hour-glass run! It seems but yesterday since I was elevated to the exalted station of Grand High Priest

of this Jurisdiction. The time has now come, however, when I must transmit to my successor the authority and prerogatives which it has been my privilege to enjoy during the past capitular year.

“The report of my stewardship you have just heard. The ancient landmarks which were one year ago entrusted to my care I am not returning, with the assurance that not the least of them has been removed.

“My duties have all been pleasures. My companionship with you has developed into comradeship. Fraternal mingling among you has made me love you. Horizons all around me have been pushed backward until for the future of Capitular Masonry in the District of Columbia I can see only rosy promises for achievements that shall far surpass those of the past. I can only hope that by the guiding hand of an all-seeing and omnipotent God, and through the influence of the lessons and teachings of Masonry, the world may at last arrive at a time ‘when all men’s good shall be each man’s rule, and universal peace lie like a shaft of light across the land.’ ”

The Grand Treasurer’s report shows a balance in his hands of six thousand five hundred seven and 41/100 (\$6507.41) dollars. The Trustees’ report shows the invested assets of the Grand Chapter to be eighty-one hundred (\$8100) dollars.

The Grand Secretary’s tabulated report shows the membership December 31, 1922, to be six thousand two hundred and forty-one (6241), a net gain during the year of two hundred and fifty-seven (257).

The report of the Committee of Correspondence was prepared by Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. JERMANE, and must certainly be classed among the able reviews. His introduction is devoted largely to the Towner-Sterling bill. This is certainly a deserving bill, and should become the law of the land without further delay. To the writer it appears as if it is being talked and written to death. Try sawing wood for a while, then

try politics for a while, but whatever you do, don't hunt with a brass band.

Under the head of Connecticut, the manner of working Royal Arch Degree is discussed very fully. Every Degree in Freemasonry should be conferred in the most solemn and impressive manner, to bring out fully the important facts taught in them. If any Companion desires a vaudeville show, let him resign from Capitular Masonry and join some of the organizations devoted to that purpose, but Freemasonry must maintain its honor and dignity.

In reviewing Georgia:

“Companion E. A. McHAN, Grand Lecturer, whose praises Grand Chapter officers and other members are never weary of sounding, said in his annual report that the Most Excellent Master's degree had become very popular in Georgia. He was called upon a number of times during the year to assist in presenting it. Even in the smaller chapters interest in it is increasing. I am glad to note that fact, and wish there were the same interest everywhere. This degree can be made the most beautiful and impressive of the Capitular system, but in many Jurisdictions it has been cut short so as to save time and work for Chapter officers. In a few Jurisdictions it is given in *full form*, with all the necessary accessories, and invariably the result is more than satisfactory.”

The writer has always held that the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree is one of the most beautiful and impressive degrees in Freemasonry, and when it is impressively conferred leaves a deep and lasting impression on the candidate.

We receive a very favorable review. The writer certainly is not in favor of making Masons at sight, but there are exceptions to all rules, and my good

friend and distinguished Pennsylvanian Companion ex-Governor WILLIAM C. SPROUL, is the exception.

M. E. Companion ROE FULKERSON was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion ARVINE W. JOHNSTON was re-elected Grand Secretary. The Grand High Priest was installed. The Grand Secretary was not, having been installed at time of previous election. We hold to the idea that all elective officers must be installed after each election.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest is found on the first page.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND.

We have received the proceedings of the Quarterly Convocations of "Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England" for November 1, 1922, February 7, May 2 and August 1, 1923.

M. E. Companion Right Honorable Lord AMPHILL, G. C., S. I., G. C., I. E., Pro. First Grand Principal, opened each Quarterly Convocation in *Ancient and Solemn Form*, when the minutes were read or taken as read and confirmed.

The Committee of General Purposes made report at each Convocation. The report embodies all general business that comes before Grand Chapter, having been printed. They were taken as read, and on motion of the President were ordered to be received

and spread upon the minutes, thus virtually ending all general business.

Considerable special business was transacted.

The Pro. Grand Principal announced the death of Companion W. F. HAMILTON, K. C., Grand Registrar. He was active in both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and was a trusted counsellor and adviser, occupying a high position in the Fraternity.

The financial affairs of the Grand Chapter are shown by the Committee of General Purposes in each Quarterly report. Are in good condition.

Sixty-three petitions for new Chapters were received during the period covered by this report, one being far from the home of the Grand Chapter. Meeting at the Sanyentei, Shiba Park, Tokyo, Japan. All petitions were granted.

Frequent changes were made in the location of Chapters during the period covered by this report. Twenty-two petitions were received for permission to change place of meeting. They were granted.

A memorial was received from the officers and members of the Orion in the West Chapter, No. 415, Poona, Bombay, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original having been destroyed by insects. It was granted.

At the Quarterly Convocation held August 1, 1923, the M. E. Companion Pro. First Grand Principal offered the following resolution:

“That this Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter having heard with satisfaction from the M. E. Pro. First Grand Principal that in his opinion the way is open for the resumption of the fraternal intercourse with the Grand Chapter of Quebec which, for reasons no longer operative, was interrupted forty years ago, hereby authorizes the Committee of General Purposes, in consultation with M. E. Comp. Lord AMPHILL, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec at the Grand Lodge of England, to enter into correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Quebec, with a view to the restoration of the bonds of companionship.”

The resolution was recorded by the President of the Committee of General Purposes and unanimously adopted. This is the first step towards healing the differences between the Grand Chapters of England and Quebec, which occurred in 1886, when the Grand Chapter of Quebec issued an edict of non-intercourse against the Grand Chapter of Canada, for invading her territory. All wish the differences may be speedily adjusted and Fraternal relations restored.

The last Chapter on the roll of Grand Chapter is forty-four hundred and thirteen (4413). They are scattered all over the world, excepting United States and Canada. A large proportion of this number have ceased to exist.

At each Quarterly Convocation Grand Chapter closed in *Ancient and Solemn Form*.

After closing they showed their devotion to the King and Country by singing the National Anthem.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

We have received the proceedings of the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown for December 5, 1922, which was presided over by R. W. the Very Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNNIGG (Dean of Bocking), Pro. Grand Master for Buckinghamshire, acting Deputy Grand Master; March 6, 1923, which was presided over by M. W. Lord ALDENHAM, Deputy Grand Master; June 5, 1923, which was presided over by M. W. Colonel the Earl of STRADBROKE, K. C. M. G., C. V. O., C. H. C., B. E., Pro. Grand Master, and the report of the General Board for September 4, 1923.

The Grand Lodge at each meeting was opened in either *Form*, *Ample Form* or *Due Form*, according to the presiding officer.

The report of the General Board was presented at each meeting of the Grand Lodge. It was received and entered upon the minutes and finally approved. The report always embraces all usual matters which come before Grand Lodge. All matters are carefully considered by the members of the General Board. The members rely upon the committees, and the general business is speedily disposed of.

The Acting Deputy Grand Master announced the death of distinguished Brother W. F. HAMILTON, K. C., LL. D., Grand Registrar.

W. Brother Colonel H. W. MORRISON proposed the nomination of His Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT and STRATHEARN as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing Masonic year. He was finally elected.

The appointment of R. W. Brother Lord ALDERHAM, Provincial Grand Master for Kent, as Deputy Grand Master, in the place of R. W. Brother Sir R. W. VASSAR SMITH, Bart., deceased.

The announcement of the death of a large number of distinguished Masons was made.

During the period covered by the report twenty-three warrants were issued for new Lodges.

The Fifty-fifth Anniversary Festival was held at Connaught Rooms, on Thursday, June 28, 1923, from which the sum of £7723 was realized from the festival for the use of the Fund of Benevolence.

A very large amount was expended in the Benevolent Branch; at one quarterly convocation £1059 was expended; at all others a large amount was expended.

All matters in report of the General Board having been disposed of, Grand Lodge was closed in *Ample Form*, when the members and Brethren showed their devotion to King and Country by singing the National Anthem. Well done, good and faithful servant.

W. B. M.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation, in the Hall of John Darling Lodge, No. 154, in the City of Tampa, at ten o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 15, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

All but two Grand Officers were in attendance. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were present, also thirty-two Grand Representatives, including Past Grand High Priest LOUIS C. MASSEY, representing Pennsylvania, but we note that several Companions each represent several Grand Jurisdictions.

We note with sorrow the fact that God took Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion JOHN M. CALDWELL, a most beloved Mason, on February 26, 1923.

M. E. Grand High Priest R. J. KISHPAUGH reported the constitution of five Chapters.

He stated that "Reports of visitations made showed, in most instances, that the work in Capitular Masonry is being carried on according to the abilities of those having it in charge. In certain instances, however, there seemed to be a disinclination to exhibit work for inspection, even though the records showed that candidates were available."

The report of M. E. Companion WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary, disclosed a net gain in membership of 484.

M. E. Companion MARCUS ENDEL, Grand Treasurer, presented his report, showing a net increase in his balance of over \$1000.

Tampa Chapter, No. 3, under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work, exemplified the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees at the afternoon session of Grand Chapter, on May 15, 1923, and the Royal Arch Degree at the evening session. A Special Committee on Resolutions, later pronounced "the work thus perfectly exemplified."

The Committee on Dispensations and By-laws recommended that charters be granted to the two Chapters U. D., and its report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported, *inter alia*:

"In the matter of the edict of non-intercourse issued by the General Grand High Priest, WILLIAM F. KUHN, against the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and its members, we with sorrow deprecate the situation that has made it appear necessary to so harshly treat our Companions of Texas, and trust that true fraternal justice shall prevail, and this unfortunate situation speedily have a happy and equitable adjustment.

"The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida is a Sovereign Grand Chapter, in full accord with, and for, the best interests of Capitular Masonry, and is a member of the great family associated together under the Constitution and Laws of the General Grand Chapter, and as such we earnestly hope for a just and proper determination of this serious problem."

The proceedings contain a picture of Past M. E. Grand High Priest R. J. KISHPAUGH, memorial

pages, list of General Grand Chapter Officers, list of Past Elective Officers of the Grand Chapter of Florida, lists of Grand Secretaries, Grand Representatives, Chapter Directories, Statistics, lists of members of the new Chapters, Regulations adopted since the publication of the Digest; the minutes of the Order of High Priesthood; Register of the Membership of said Order and the report of M. E. Companion ELY P. HUBBELL, Grand High Priest and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in whose report Pennsylvania does not appear.

The next annual convocation will be held in the City of Jacksonville, on May 20, 1924, at ten o'clock A. M.

M. E. ELY P. HUBBELL, Grand High Priest, Brantown.

M. E. WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.

H. F. B.

IDAHO.

The Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Idaho convened in the Masonic Temple, City of St. Maries, on Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of May, A. D. 1923, at nine o'clock A. M.

Representatives were present from all but four constituent Chapters.

M. E. Grand High Priest FRANCIS JENKINS, in his report, calls attention to the fact that

“Some men have the temerity to say that Masonry is not a religion, but I am frank to say that I have not at any time been able to divorce Masonry from rational religion, for it is a system of philosophy that teaches the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, for to live according to the true spirit of Masonry, it polishes the character of its votaries, making them gentle, gracious and considerate. Masonry is said to be a league of noble and free men enlisted in the radiant enterprise of working out in time the love and will of the Eternal.”

The Grand High Priest called attention to the edict of the General Grand High Priest ordering the recall of credentials of Grand Representatives to and from the Grand Chapter of Texas, because of the invasion by Texas of the Jurisdiction claimed by the General Grand Chapter in Mexico.

He recommended further action favorable to the Towner-Sterling bill.

Companion EDWARD SMITH, Grand Treasurer, presented his report, showing substantial financial progress.

The report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters disclosed the membership on December 31, 1922, to be 2581, a net gain of 120 during the year 1922.

Past Grand High Priest JENKINS was in attendance at every meeting of his Grand Chapter, and though this was for but fifteen years, it is, nevertheless, an excellent record.

Bulletin No. 1, of the General Grand Chapter, dated March 15, 1923, is printed in the proceedings,

and from it we find more than fiction in the General Grand High Priest's statement that:

“Our Lodges and Chapters can assimilate properly only so much material; when pushed beyond that limit, it produces Masonic indigestion and a painful Masonic colic of unwholesome assimilation. Eat moderately is the advice of the physician for our physical well being. The same rule applies to our Masonic well being and welfare.”

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is made by Companion GEORGE E. KNEPPER, of Boise, Idaho, and covers fifty Jurisdictions, in which Pennsylvania is not included.

JAY R. MASON, Most Excellent Grand High Priest,
Idaho Falls.

EDWARD H. WAY, Grand Secretary, Boise.

H. F. B.

ILLINOIS.

The Seventy-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois convened in the grand ballroom of the La Salle Hotel, City of Chicago, on Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of October, A. D. 1922, A. I. 2452, at ten o'clock A. M.

All Grand Officers were present, sixteen Past Grand High Priests, thirty-seven Grand Representatives and all the twenty-seven District Inspectors.

Companion W. C. HADLEY, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, presented his report, in which he asserts:

“The future of Masonry does not lie alone in the increase in numbers but in the dissemination of Masonic principles throughout the world.

“The great function of Masonry is to raise mankind to a higher realization of the beauties of the truth; the perfection of Divine Truth.”

He reported the death of two Past Grand High Priests, Companion ANDREW DUFF WEBB, Junior Past Grand High Priest, and Companion WILLIAM CHARLES SOMNER.

He expressed his sincere appreciation for the valuable assistance rendered by the twenty-seven District Inspectors.

He commended the Board of Grand Examiners for the results obtained at the five schools in improved and impressive rendition of the ritual.

He reported on the constitution of eight new Chapters to which charters had been granted, and dispensations were issued for the formation of four new Chapters.

He reported on numerous dispensations granted, mostly to hold special elections; on many inter-State courtesies requested and granted. Sixteen Grand Representatives were appointed near other Grand Chapters, and four near the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

The Grand High Priest visited twenty-six Chapters, besides those where schools were held or Chapters constituted or instituted.

His report reflects much creditable work performed, and marked desirable results accomplished.

The reports of M. E. Companion G. W. CURTISS, Grand Treasurer, and M. E. Companion J. E. JEFFERS, Grand Secretary, show progress and substantial gain in this Grand Jurisdiction, financially, numerically and otherwise. The membership increase was 5180, with a total on June 30, 1922, of 78,270.

The report of the Committee on Annual Report of Grand High Priest mentioned that

“This official year is the first one in nearly three-fourths of a century of the Grand Chapter of Illinois that the Companions have placed the direction of this great Jurisdiction in the hands of one who has borne the heat and burden of the day for more than four score years.

“Your committee congratulates this Grand Chapter that there was found to such marked degree in the distinguished personality of your Grand High Priest the wisdom of experience, the strength of purpose and the beauty of character to direct its affairs in such markedly successful manner.”

The Obituary Report, presented by Companion FRANK F. COLLINS, is most unusual, yet fascinating and inspiring and full of facts which it were well might be more generally realized. We believe that:

“Ofttimes we become discouraged because we in Masonry who could accomplish so much are apparently doing so little—prone to make excuses; to hide behind our alibis. But did we but know the countless noble and splendid deeds a host of our Companions are doing quietly and without ostentation, without brass band accompaniment, we would realize that the teachings of the Fraternity have not been in vain. Secrecy finds ample justification in our Order and in nature itself. ‘It was in the mute land of silence and darkness where worked the Spirit of the Divine, and only when the work was done came the command “Let there be Light.”’ Birds do not carol at noonday or amid the city’s tumult, but in the quiet woodsy depths, while the nightingale, the sweetest of them all, sings only to the listening ear of night. It is in the bud that the rose steals its colors from the sky, and there it folds them up until all is ready, and then it bursts into its fragrant bloom, to show the world the wonders that were wrought in secret.”

The Grand Chapter tendered to the Excellent Chaplain, Companion J. S. CUMMINS, a rising vote of sincere thanks for "his elegant and eloquent oration," which it certainly must have been, and we are only sorry that space will not permit its printing in this review.

The Finance Committee favored the adoption of the resolution increasing the annual appropriation for the services of the Committee on Fraternal Relations from \$250 to \$350.

The picture of that grand man and Mason, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest during 1921-22, Companion W. C. HADLEY, graces the proceedings; the picture of Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 1922-23, Companion WILLIAM A. EICHLER, also appears therein.

The proceedings are also filled with statistical and other information.

The Report on Correspondence is again by that capable Capitular scholar, M. E. Past Grand High Priest Companion EVERETT R. TURNBULL, who fraternally reviews Pennsylvania, 1921.

WILLIAM A. EICHLER, M. E. Grand High Priest, Chicago, Ill.

JAMES E. JEFFERS, R. E. Grand Secretary, Springfield, Ill.

H. F. B.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in Seventy-seventh Convocation, in Masonic Temple, in the City of Indianapolis, at two o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of October, A. D. 1922, A. I. 2452.

Sixteen Past Grand High Priests were present, together with representatives from 112 of the 127 chartered Chapters. Pennsylvania was not represented by a Grand Representative.

M. E. Companion EDWARD B. RAUB, Grand High Priest, in his address, reported

“That Chapter Masonry has progressed; that the Landmarks have been preserved; and that peace and harmony prevail—there has been a substantial increase in members, the Chapters are prosperous, and better work is being done. The grim tyrant has, during the year, called to their reward two of the Past Grand High priests, JOHN E. REDMOND and EDGAR H. BRISTOL. The new ritual (that of the General Grand Chapter) has been received with almost universal approval and regarded as a great step forward, not only in ritualistic excellence and dignity, but places the work of this Grand Jurisdiction in harmony with that of sister Grand Jurisdictions.”

After discussing the general effect on Chapters re-electing their old officers from year to year, he stated as his opinion, that “Chapters having available material should practice rotation in office and give the younger men and competent Companions who have not been officers an opportunity to become active in the Chapter.” This we consider a timely suggestion, as the same condition has resulted in many or-

ganizations, which re-elect their officers, except in rare and special cases.

The report of R. E. Companion ROBERT A. WOODS, Grand Secretary, disclosed a net gain in membership of 1882, and that the total now is 31,960.

E. Companion HERBERT A. GRAHAM, Grand Inspector, reported that 110 Chapters had given work on actual or substitute candidates, eight failed to have a quorum, and ten, for various reasons, could not have work. He advised that "but 28 per cent. of the Lodge members of this State are members of the Chapter."

An effort to raise Grand Chapter dues to \$1 for each exaltation and 50 cents for each member failed of passage.

The Mark Master Degree was exemplified by the Officers of Oriental Chapter, No. 147, of Indianapolis.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved a resolution which was unanimously adopted to the effect "that in all towns and cities where there is more than one Chapter, all Chapters located therein shall be notified of the pendency of any petition for initiation or membership by the Secretary of the Chapter in which such petition is pending."

Chapters of the Order of DeMolay may be sponsored by Royal Arch Chapters, but outside quarters

must be provided for their meetings, as the law of the Indiana Grand Lodge permits "no organization not recognized by the Grand Lodge as a Masonic organization, except the Order of the Eastern Star, to use or occupy for its business meetings, ritualistic ceremonies or accompanying social functions, any of the Masonic quarters over which the Lodge has jurisdiction or supervision."

The annual Capitular review was written for the twelfth time by M. E. Companion ROBERT ARCHER WOODS, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary. Pennsylvania, 1921, is included, and he seems to forgive our faults because of our ignorance.

Pictures of M. E. Companion EDWARD B. RAUB, Grand High Priest, 1921-1922; of M. E. Companion ROY E. TILFORD, Grand High Priest, 1922-1923; Companion HERBERT ARNOLD GRAHAM, Grand Lecturer; M. E. Companion EDGAR H. BRISTOL, Past Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion JOHN E. REDMOND, Past Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion ROBERT A. WOODS, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Correspondent, are supplied in the proceedings.

ROY E. TILFORD, M. E. Grand High Priest, Martinsville.

ROBERT A. WOODS, R. E. Grand Secretary, Princeton.

H. F. B.

IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa convened in its Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation, in Odd Fellows Hall, Mason City, Iowa, on October 12, 1922, at nine o'clock A. M.

Prior to the opening of Grand Chapter, a public program was carried out.

All Grand Officers were present. Numerous distinguished visitors were in attendance, also thirty-seven Grand Representatives.

M. E. Companion C. B. WHELPLEY, Grand High Priest, in an interesting and inspiring address, suggested individual prayers "for the time when war shall be no more, and then work for it, remembering that prayer without work is but showing that we do not have faith for what we ask."

He reported a net membership increase of 1831, making the total 22,609 on January 1, 1922.

He eulogized Past Grand High Priest EUGENE SCHAFFTER and Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM H. NORRIS, who "answered the call to come home." Companion NORRIS had the distinction of having presided over all the Grand Bodies of York Rite Masonry in the State.

Two Chapters were constituted. He reported some eighteen visitations. He says "it is almost un-

believable that during the year not one case of controversy between members of Chapters of any consequence has arisen."

The Board of Custodians visited and instructed 114 out of 129 Chapters.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented its report dealing with the changes in the laws of the Grand Chapter, as had been proposed by the Special Committee on Revision of the Code. Among the new requirements we find this most excellent obligation on the part of officers:

"It shall be the duty of every officer of any Chapter, when a date is set for instruction by a Custodian or Deputy Custodian, to be present at such meeting, under penalty of suspension from office, unless a good and sufficient excuse for absence shall be furnished to and accepted by the Grand High Priest."

The minimum fee was fixed at \$25, and "the entire fees for the degrees must accompany the petition."

The following is an amended section required because of the constitution of the Order of DeMolay:

"No money or other property of any Chapter shall be used for any other Masonic purposes. Sponsoring of Chapters of the Order of DeMolay for Boys, including the financing thereof, shall not be deemed to be in contravention of this section."

M. E. Companion C. C. HUNT, Past Grand High Priest, presented and read a paper, "A Word to Master Masons." Its contents are elegant propaganda to stir the Master Mason to a realization of his need for more Masonic Light.

We quote:

“When you were raised to the degree of a Master Mason were you not filled with amazement at the sublime truths presented to you in that degree? Did you not feel that you had reached the very summit of Masonry, and that nothing more could be added? Did you not see in that strange ceremonial mystery of the Third Degree the legend of the soul and its struggle to rise from the darkness of earth to the glorious light of eternal life? If such has been your experience the degree has not been conferred on you in vain.

“But have you followed up the opportunities there offered you? Have you striven to live up to the ideals there laid before you? Have you sought to grow in knowledge and practice of Masonic truth, or have you considered the sublime lessons of the Third Degree as mere beautiful ideals, which could not be attained, and, therefore, to be admired but not striven for?

“Masonry teaches you that you should strive to realize these high ideals in your own life and neglect no opportunity to accomplish this result.

“Did you think you were a Master Mason after the obligation and the usual instruction? Did you not find there were still lessons to be learned, ideals to be attained, longings to be satisfied, and that you were still very much in need of instruction? Yes, my Brother, there are veils to be passed of which you have not even heard, before you can obtain the Word for which you have toiled these many years. Let, me, therefore, call your attention to the fact that while the Third Degree symbolizes incompleteness and failure just short of attainment, that in place of the reward for which you had so long toiled you must be content with a substitute—the Royal Arch symbolizes the fulfillment of every promise, the attainment of every ideal, the completion of our Spiritual Temple, and the realization of our highest hopes. In the Third Degree, Hope, the anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast, was presented to your view; but to be effective she must be joined with faith, and that will enable you to pass the veils that intervene between you and the realization of your fondest hopes.

“You are standing on the threshold, and at an open door.

You are treading on the border land which leads to knowledge more.

Another day is dawning, the darkness disappears,

The light of God's eternal truth may brighten all your years.

Bright prospects are before you; enjoy them while you may,

And enter in that better land where night gives place to day.”

The picture of Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion C. B. WHELPLEY is contained in the proceedings, as also an interesting biography of him.

In the Proceedings of the Convention of the Order of High Priesthood is contained a most enlightening address by Companion C. HUTTENLOCHER, the Most Excellent President, on the Order of the High Priesthood, its historical aspect; an outline of the chief characters and their influence in reminding High Priests of their duties and responsibilities. It is altogether worthy of perusal by all High Priests especially, and Masons generally.

We beg to quote from his concluding paragraphs:

“Our several branches of the Masonic Order have seemingly prospered in numbers, but have we placed in our Masonic edifice good work, true work, square work?”

“We can do little in making a man a Mason other than in name; what we want is evidence from him that he can and will produce just such work as is wanted for the building of this earthly temple. To my mind, Masons are born, not made, and when so born we can fit them out with tools and implements that will enable them to better understand and practice our teachings.

“A candidate who seeks admission to Masonry should be carefully scrutinized as to character, habits and antecedents, that we may form a correct idea what his motives are in seeking admission. He should bring to us some moral worth and position in society; something of settled principles and solid attainments that shall possess a sterling value.

“Let us be the first to do our duty as men and Masons well and faithfully, that no one can criticize our actions.”

The Report on Correspondence is by the facile pen of M. E. Companion Past Grand High Priest EDWARD M. WILLARD, who is frank, ready to praise and kind in criticism. He reviewed Pennsylvania, 1921.

M. E. Companion RAYMOND T. WARNER, Grand High Priest, Hampton.

R. E. Companion ORVIS F. GRAVES, Grand Secretary, Harlan.

H. F. B.

IRELAND.

The report for 1922 of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland is in its customary unique form, and consists primarily of Reports of Grand Officers, District First Principals and Provincial Grand Superintendents.

The Stated Convocations are held in Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at eight p. m. on the first Wednesday in the months of February, May, July and November.

The frontispiece is the portrait of M. E. Colonel The Right Hon. R. H. WALLACE, C. B., District First Grand Principal of Down.

We are sorry to note the death of two Past Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter.

New warrants were granted to ten Chapters.

Grand Chapter Law No. 44, seems to have been frequently violated; this law provides "that a candidate for exaltation who has more than two black beans on a ballot is to be rejected." It further seems that there has been some question as to the interpretation of this phraseology though it reads

very clearly. We feel that one "black bean" should reject.

It is gratifying to note that unsettled conditions are improving and that in Free State Districts Chapters are functioning as usual.

The financial condition of this Grand Chapter is healthy.

We again call attention to the few Companions stricken from the roll in this Grand Jurisdiction. Only nineteen members lost their membership in this manner during 1922 in Ireland. Most commendable.

J. CHARLES McCULLAGH, M. E. Grand High Priest.

HENRY C. SHELLARD, V. E. Grand Registrar, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.

H. F. B.

KANSAS.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in the Auditorium of the Scottish Rite Temple, Wichita, Kansas, on Monday, February 26, A. D. 1923, at 2.30 P. M.

M. E. Companion JOHN W. NEILSON, General Grand Royal Arch Captain of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America was present; also eleven Past Grand High Priests.

M. E. Grand High Priest, OWEN J. WOOD, in his address, paid glowing tribute to those "zealous, sincere and devoted Craftsmen," Past Grand High Priests JOHN A. FERRELL and AARON H. CONNETT, who passed away during the year.

He reported that "notwithstanding the seeming unrest in business activities and business depression during the past year, which has affected the work of the Chapters correspondingly, we have, nevertheless, made satisfactory gains in membership," the net gain being 1065.

A straw vote was taken by seventy-five Chapters on the question of the General Grand Chapter ritual with fifty-three in favor and twenty-two in opposition to the change.

Since a special Committee last year reported "that we are in hearty accord with the aims and efforts of every organization having for its object the furtherance of good citizenship and the upbuilding of the youth of our common country, yet we do not deem it our duty to sponsor any particular Order in the conduct of its own affairs," therefore, "Chapters in this Jurisdiction may not lawfully sponsor or out of its treasury render aid to Chapters of the Order of DeMolay."

He granted five dispensations "to make pilgrimages."

He reported on seven visitations, finding work generally done in a very dignified and impressive

manner, but not always by the regular officers of the Chapter. His conclusion regarding visitations, we believe to be in order:

“It would be well if arrangements could be made so that some of the other Officers of the Grand Chapter could assist in the visitations, in order that more could be made. I am persuaded that a great amount of good to Capitular Masonry would result, if the visitations were more extensive.”

He reported on invitations accepted and declined. He accepted that to attend the Special Joint Convocation of the four Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas City, Mo., on October 30, 1922, at which the Degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master were conferred on a class of over 1100, named the “Dr. William F. Kuhn Class” in honor of M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest. He declined that to a similar Joint Convocation at Saint Louis, on December 2, 1922, when the Degree of Most Excellent Master was conferred on 1000.

He rendered six decisions, one being especially interesting, it being:

“It is not necessary for the Grand High Priest to authorize by special dispensation or otherwise a Chapter within this Jurisdiction to confer as a courtesy the degrees of Capitular Masonry, or any of them, on the request of another Chapter within this Jurisdiction. The request to do so may be made direct without any authority from the Grand High Priest.”

This was approved in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Reports of Grand Officers states a fact which should be brought home to the

mind of every Companion, *viz.*, “While the constituent Chapters and individual Companions are not answerable to this Committee, they are constantly in the view of the All Seeing Eye and will be held strictly for any failure to use their Light and Talent.”

The report of the Committee on Necrology, submitted by M. E. Companion HARRY E. BEST, is a masterpiece, and death to many Companions he pictures as “more beautiful than sad.”

After presenting varied pictures of death, we find his sublime conception of the transition from this life to that of life and light eternal and that

“Masonry is a law of life as well as a rule for work. Those who hold and obey its teachings pass from greater into greater light.

“They know full well that in the grand hereafter

The thread of that great scheme of which this life is but a part

Shall not be lost, but taken up again

And made a more complete and perfect whole.”

A special contingent fund for expenses of Grand Officers' visitations was created and the Grand High Priest's Contingent Fund was increased from \$100 to \$300.

We noted the fact that R. E. Companion ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary, reported gross negligence on the part of two Secretaries, while the Committee on Chartered Chapters dealt with but one such case; we are interested in the other's fate. It is indeed praiseworthy that a united effort is made to secure absolutely correct records and to have matters systematically and punctually performed.

A Secretary when finally sending his delayed Annual Report said, "I did not return this, as I am a pretty busy man and can't stop everything to take care of such matters." The Committee on Chartered Chapters suggested "that the Grand High Priest relieve this Companion of this onerous and irksome task." The report was adopted.

R. E. Companion ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary, presented an enlightening historical statement concerning the present ritual of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Kansas.

The resolution proposing to adopt the General Grand Chapter Ritual failed of passage.

The proceedings are replete with statistical tables, memorial pages, and a fine biographical sketch of M. E. Companion OWEN JASON Wood, the retiring Grand High Priest, now seventy years young, with a most enviable Masonic record.

The Report on Correspondence is again by the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Secretary and indefatigable Masonic laborer, R. E. Companion ALBERT K. WILSON, who fraternally reviewed Pennsylvania, 1921.

M. E. Companion CHARLES N. FOWLER, Grand High Priest, Salina.

R. E. Companion ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary, Topeka.

H. F. B.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held its One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing October 17, 1922, A. I. 2452, and was opened in *Ample Form* on the Royal Arch Degree at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

All Grand Officers were present, as also all the twenty-one Past Grand High Priests. A most enviable record and manifestation of continued interest on the part of the "has-beens."

M. E. Grand High Priest HANSON PETERSON presented an interesting report of prosperity in the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

Among the Grand Representatives recommended was M. E. Companion GEORGE A. LEWIS, Past Grand High Priest, of Frankfort, Kentucky, as the Representative from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

District Inspectors inspected every subordinate Chapter during the year.

The net membership gain was 1566.

The report of the Educational Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky disclosed work well done, that Kentucky inaugurated the first educational

movement and erected the first Widows and Orphans' Home, that the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States now will make it possible for every boy and girl who leaves the Kentucky Orphans' Home to secure not only a high school education but a college education as well, assuming always that he or she has the industry and ability to make good.

The report of Past Grand High Priest JUETT from the Committee on Inspection was most thorough and complete, giving full information as to every phase of the activity of the subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest was granted an emergency appropriation of \$500 to be drawn on warrant with the approval of the Finance Committee.

The report of the Committee on Doings of Other Grand Chapters is written by Companion WILLIAM W. CLARKE, who fraternally reviewed Pennsylvania, 1921.

The sterling qualities of M. E. Companion JAMES GARNETT, Grand High Priest, are reflected in his picture, which is contained in the proceedings.

JAMES GARNETT, Grand High Priest, Louisville.

G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Grand Secretary, Lexington.

H. F. B.

LOUISIANA.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana was convened in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, on February 6, 1923, at twelve o'clock m., in its Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation. Eight Past Grand High Priests were present.

M. E. Companion JOSEPH SINAI, Grand High Priest, in his address, mentioned the present need of Brotherhood, saying:

“What good is there of the lessons of ‘Holiness to the Lord’ if we forget that the Lord is Captain of our Souls, and so act, live and die as if there were no Fatherhood of God and no Brotherhood of Man? We can be safely on our mission only when our action measures up to the pronouncement of our affirmation. Let the fault be whomsoever it will, but not ours. Let us determine to serve our Father and His children, and do it.”

He paid glowing tribute to the “transcendent ability” of M. E. Companion Past Grand High Priest Judge ROBERT RAYMOND REID, who died January 14, 1923.

His report of official visits disclosed a general condition of lethargy; in one Chapter the High Priest and King were out of town and the Scribe, though reported to be at home, did not attend; in another, the majority of the officers were not present; in another, no quorum was present; and at still another a special Convocation called for the purpose by the Grand High Priest's direction, only a quorum was present.

He appointed District Deputy Grand High Priests under the authority given a year ago, and stated "that Grand Chapter has been advantaged to some degree by the appointment of District Deputies; that we will never be able to get the subordinate Chapters to properly function, learn the ritual and put on the Degrees, until we have some one whose duty it is to see that all this is done; that having reached the stage of necessity, and ability to do so, that the Grand Chapter provide for a Grand Lecturer to instruct the subordinate Chapters in the work, whereby they may learn the ritual and confer the Degrees of the Chapter."

He reported present membership 7501, a net gain of 720 members.

The recommendation of the Committee on Work was adopted in effect:

"That in conferring the Mark Master Degree, that the first section of the degree shall be given to each candidate separately, and including the reception, in the second section of the degree, that after the Reception, the work may be conferred on candidates collectively, in convenient numbers.

"That the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees may be conferred on groups of candidates collectively in convenient numbers.

"That the Royal Arch Degree must be conferred on teams of three; that in emergent conditions the ceremony may be done collectively, with convenient numbers of teams, but that each team shall be complete in number, and that if substitutes are used in emergencies only one substitute may be used in one team, and the substitute shall be required to participate in the whole ceremony.

"We understand the exaltation referred to in the Obligation, means the investiture with the Secret; the means of recognition; which must be done with each team entirely separated from the other.

"We recommend further that the ritual of the Grand Chapter shall be followed literally in all the ceremonies.

A Grand Lecturer is to be engaged to instruct the Officers and members in the work.

Grand Representatives, including JOSEPH DAWIDOFF, representing Pennsylvania, were formally received and welcomed.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, JOHN A. DAVILLA, who reviewed Pennsylvania, 1921.

The picture of M. E. Companion EDWIN F. GAYLE, Grand High Priest, graces the proceedings.

EDWIN F. GAYLE, Grand High Priest, Lake Charles.

JOHN A. DAVILLA, Grand Secretary, New Orleans, La.

H. F. B.

MAINE.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in its Ninety-eighth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, at Portland, on Tuesday evening, May 1, A. D. 1923, at seven o'clock.

All Grand Officers were present, also eighty-six representatives of fifty-two of the sixty-five chartered Chapters; two of the seventeen living Past Grand High Priests and many distinguished guests.

M. E. Grand High Priest WILSON D. BARRON, in his address, stated that

“Capitular Masonry seems to be showing a strong, healthy growth, and with less of a reaction from the phenomenal increase in the years since the World Conflict.”

He continued to grant dispensations to confer degrees in places other than the regular places of meeting of the subordinate Chapters.

He reported ten visitations, generally finding impressive work rendered, with Chapters generally in prosperous financial condition.

The reports of the other Grand Officers are most interesting, and reflect a general healthy condition of the Chapters in Maine, and doing creditable work in promoting Capitular Masonry.

Among the recommendations of the Finance Committee, adopted at this meeting, was one increasing the appropriation to the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

The recommendation of the Grand High Priest that \$150 be placed at the disposal of the Grand High Priest as a contingent fund to be used at his discretion in the performance of his official duties was considered by the Finance Committee, who requested more time, which was allowed, and the Committee will report at the next Annual Convocation.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution presented its report regarding the amendment

which was presented last year, requiring that an elected member receive at least one degree in the electing Chapter before inter-State courtesy is requested regarding the conferring of any other degrees.

A General Committee was appointed, consisting of all present Past Grand High Priests, to arrange entertainment for the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter in 1924, at Portland, Me.

The records of the Council of the Order of High Priesthood are incorporated in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine, the likeness of "Doc." BARRON, the retiring M. E. Grand High Priest, graces the Proceedings as a frontispiece and considerable statistical information provides a most complete presentation of a progressive and enlightened Grand Body.

The Report on Correspondence is again from that thorough and constructive student of Capitular Masonry, Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion THOMAS H. BODGE, who, likely, did not receive our Proceedings of 1922 in time to review them for his last report.

M. E. Companion DAVID L. WILSON, Grand High Priest, Bath.

R. E. Companion CHARLES B. DAVIS, Grand Secretary, Portland.

H. F. B.

MARYLAND.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Baltimore, on Friday, June 23, 1922, to celebrate its One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Full and Ample Form* with a record attendance. A long list of distinguished Companions were present, and among them was M. E. Companion GEORGE P. DARROW, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

A very impressive program had been prepared, and the addresses were noteworthy, especially the one of R. E. Companion HENRY DEWITT HAMILTON, Representative of the General Grand High Priest.

In the historical address by M. E. Companion OLIVER C. WAREHIME, Past Grand High Priest, is recorded the beginning of Capitular Masonry in Maryland in this form:

“There is undoubted evidence that a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was in existence April 9, 1787, and was attached to Lodge No. 15, at Baltimore, said Lodge holding a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.”

The printed menu must have eaten well. Just think of going through the list from frog legs on toast to the chicken a la Maryland. Space does not permit the detail of the happiest anniversary in

Maryland's Capitular history. Pennsylvania looks back over her shoulder as she passes her one hundred and twenty-eighth milestone and shouts congratulations and calls "Come on."

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple, in Baltimore, on Thursday, November 23, 1922. The Grand Chapter was opened in *Full and Ample Form*.

We note the appointment of Companion WILLIAM BOOTH PRICE, of Baltimore Chapter, No. 40, as the Grand Representative from Pennsylvania. We thank the Grand Chapter for such a splendid appointment.

The Annual Report of M. E. Companion LEPAGE CRONMILLER, Grand High Priest, was well received, and it covered in detail a year of intensive administration. Maryland, too, is much interested in bringing about uniformity of work in all her Chapters. The Grand High Priest says:

"It seems to me that a meeting of all the Grand Inspectors at least once a year with the Grand Lecturer and the Committee on Work would accomplish much good, and result in that uniformity of work which we all so much desire. I make this recommendation, and would suggest these meetings be nothing short of a school of instruction, with expenses paid to those who attend.

"In order that I might meet the faithful, the regulars, who are the backbone of every Chapter, I decided to visit each Chapter without notice. I may be criticised for this method, but I found that by it I accomplished what I wanted; that is, to know who were the workers in each Chapter, and how they conducted the proceedings and in what shape

the respective Chapters were. To attend the meetings of twenty-four Chapters without notice, and witness the conferring of some one of the different degrees in twenty of them, speaks well for conditions in the Jurisdiction.''

The Grand High Priest was very gracious in the granting of Inter-Jurisdiction Courtesies.

M. E. Companion EMMETT L. PETTIT, Past Grand High Priest, was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, as the former Chairman of faithful service, the Rev. HENRY BRANCH had resigned, owing to his removal from the State.

Pennsylvania is given gracious notice. The writer notes that the attendance at our Annual Communication was less than at the December Quarterly. The Annual Communication dates on St. John's Day and never is as largely attended as is the earlier Quarterly, in which the annual elections and other general business bring in a large number of Companions. The Twenty-seventh of December is a difficult date in such a large Jurisdiction as is Pennsylvania.

Membership, 8713, a gain of 483.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM MOHR, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion GUSTAV A. EITEL, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, December 11, 1922.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*. The Grand High Priest expressed his pleasure at the large number present in the midst of a severe storm.

Among the distinguished visitors present was mentioned the presence of M. E. Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion JOHN M. CORE, Grand King, from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The address of M. E. Companion CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest, gave a thorough review of his year's work. His report makes splendid reading and the record of visitations covers a number of pages. He notes that on December 7, 1922, he attended the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Four new Chapters were constituted: one at Wattertown, Winchester; Wompatuck, at Hingham, and James Rogerson, at Easthampton.

Massachusetts insists on positive adherence to the standard work, and Pennsylvania congratulates the Grand Chapter on the success that has followed the

demands made upon the subordinate Chapters. Perfection is not attained without effort, and read this to learn the CHIPMAN way:

“As in previous years, while the two degrees to be exemplified were announced to the various Chapters in each District some weeks before the meeting of the District Grand Chapters of Instruction, the particular section of the work to be done by each Chapter was not assigned until after the opening. This method is thoroughly approved by the Grand Lecturers, and the highly satisfactory results obtained in improved ritualistic work recommends its continuance.”

He is outspoken in his thoughts about “Courtesy Degrees” and said:

“I greatly deplore the large number of requests I have been asked to make by the Grand High Priests of sister Grand Jurisdictions to have their Chapters confer degrees in this Commonwealth. I am impressed with the apparently slight regard given by certain presiding High Priests to the probability of a candidate being present to receive all the Capitular Degrees in his own Chapter.

“Royal Arch Masonry is too fine a thing to be regarded only as incidental to other degrees, and should be cultivated for the beauty of its rites and the lofty and high-minded impulses prompted by its teachings.”

At the Quarterly Convocations during the year a special address delivered by one of the Grand Chaplains featured each occasion. Read these words from Rev. FREDERICK W. HAMILTON on “Influence of Free Masonry”:

“He gave emphasis to the present need of careful consideration of the principles of the Anderson Constitution, which are found also in the Constitution of the United States, and are the basis of its formation. He considered it the duty of every Mason to close eyes, ears, and heart against the propaganda now being spread over the country that is so inimical to our present educational system, and that as true Americans every Mason should give his most earnest and active support to strengthening and increasing our public schools, for upon them the future civilization and government of this country depends.”

From Rev. R. PERRY BUSH on "Ideal Masonry":

"Phidias was found one day before a statue he had carved, weeping. He was told that all the world was singing his praises, and that his masterpiece was perfect. His reply was that he himself could see no way to improve it and that was the cause of his sorrow. The lesson is plain. It is a sad day when man has attained his best.

"It would grieve me to think that there is to be no further advance in government, the administration of justice or fidelity to the Golden Rule.

"It is not what has been or now is that gives potency to labor, but the faith that what we do shall help to usher in a better day for those who follow us.

"It would not be pleasant to be able to say that Masonry has reached its highest possible station, for when advance ceases retreat begins."

And from R. W. and Rev. DUDLEY H. FARREL, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, on "The Meaning of Masonry and Its Worth":

"We know no other institution of equal potential influence, and feel that the deplorable condition of the world today is caused by a lack of brotherly love; that the real matter of concern to those who love justice is not that men are practicing certain methods and engaging in particular schemes that cannot be squared with the truth, but rather that men have the spirit to do this and possess as a background to their actions an ideal of association that in itself questions the validity and reality of brotherly love. To judge by much of the practice that distinguishes man's participation in society, we conclude that too many believe that kindness and justice and unselfish affection have no reality; that they are beautiful ideals without practical value or concrete existence. Here our Fraternity hears the challenge."

The report on Capitular Review is presented by M. E. Companion FREDERICK T. COMEE, and it is a splendid "correspondence course" in Capitular Masonry. Pennsylvania is reviewed very happily and parts of three pages are given to us.

Membership 37,652, a gain of 2656.

M. E. Companion CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion FREDERICK T. COMEE, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MICHIGAN.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan was called to order in Masonic Temple, in the City of Flint, Tuesday, May 15, 1923. A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by the M. E. Grand High Priest, ROY ANDRUS, assisted by his associate Grand Officers.

M. E. Companion ROY ANDRUS, Grand High Priest, read a report of unusual interest. In reference to Grand Representatives he said:

“The last Convocation of Grand Chapter adopted the system of Grand Representatives. It therefore becomes my pleasant duty to propose the names of Representatives for the several Grand Jurisdictions.”

He appointed Companion SAMUEL E. BALLANTINE, Grand Master Second Vail, to represent Pennsylvania as Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Companion FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Michigan near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Five new Chapters were constituted: Dearborn Chapter, No. 172; Trenton Chapter, No. 173; Midland Chapter, No. 169; Zion Chapter, No. 170, and Iron River Chapter, No. 171.

Two Chapters, Blanchard, No. 59, and Bay City, No. 136, were consolidated to form the new Bay City Chapter, No. 59.

Michigan is having trouble over concurrent jurisdiction, as the following words show:

“While I am not persuaded that State-wide concurrent jurisdiction is advisable, I am persuaded that some form of concurrent jurisdiction would be an improvement over our present system.

“During the years I have been going through Grand Chapter lines and I have found many instances where candidates were ready and anxious to take the degrees, but were not able to do so because the only Chapter to which they could apply would not meet and confer the degrees. In fact I have become persuaded that Chapters are weak not because of lack of material, but because of a lack of ambition. I have found many instances in which the difference in distance between two or more Chapters was very slight, and that the city which was slightly farther from the residence of the applicant was his trading point and the place in which he did all his business.

“Although not brought officially to my attention, I have heard rumors and rumblings of petty jealousies and bickerings between Chapters over fine spun jurisdiction lines. These jealousies and petty bickerings are wholly unworthy of the broad mantle of Masonic charity, of which we talk so much, and persuade me that some release of our present strict jurisdictional lines is desirable. This might be State-wide concurrent jurisdiction or a concurrent jurisdiction among several neighboring Chapters.”

The Grand High Priest is to be commended for his action in correcting the evil practice of forbidden horse-play. He says:

“I arrested the charter of a Chapter which was guilty of using forbidden and undignified methods of presentation of the Royal Arch De-

gree. This Chapter frankly admitted its guilt, surrendered its forbidden equipment and gave positive assurance that its work in the future would be conducted in accordance with the letter and spirit of the proclamation and of the instructions received from the Grand Lecturer.

“Believing that this Chapter was sincere in its repentance, and that it had been sufficiently punished, I restored its charter.”

And adds:

“The use of an electric carpet and of rollers of every kind is positively forbidden. The several Grand Officers are instructed to confiscate any such equipment, and the offending Chapters stand in grave danger of losing their charters.”

Dispensations were granted in many instances to cover neglect and carelessness on the part of a number of Chapters; far too many. The refusal of one dispensation reveals the trivial requests:

“I refused one dispensation for a special dispensation to elect candidates in order to complete the work before the summer vacation. I replied that the advent of warm weather can be foreseen and is inevitable, and candidates whose petitions are presented in June ought hardly to expect to get their degrees before warm weather.”

The Grand High Priest was very active in visitations, and his work shows a busy year. His popularity is deserved, and the hospitality with which he was received throughout his State makes one think of the visitations in Pennsylvania:

“Everywhere we went we were entertained from arrival to departure and to such an extent that we were not given enough time to sleep.”

Which shows that Masonic good-will is the same the world over.

Michigan does not print a Correspondence Report, and in its place presents “A History of the Origin

and Development of the Royal Arch Degree and Dependent Grades," by their Grand Secretary, E. Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, who also is the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter.

Membership 42,560, a gain of 2432.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM HENRY VANIDERSTINE, Grand High Priest.

E. Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MINNESOTA.

The Sixty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Minnesota was held in Masonic Temple, in the City of Saint Paul, on Tuesday, October 10, 1922. A majority of the subordinate Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*. All the Grand Officers were present.

The Committee on Credentials reported as present thirteen Grand Officers, sixteen permanent members, and eighty representatives of sixty-seven out of seventy-nine Chapters, including seventeen proxies.

A portrait of M. E. Companion JOHN H. ANDERSON, Grand High Priest, is the first page of the proceedings' record. The Companion looks good. It would be a delight to "meet up" with him.

The Grand High Priest read his report. It is a review of the year's work packed into few words and there is something being told all the way through. It is good reading.

Dispensations for two new Chapters were granted: Lakewood Chapter, at Duluth, and Glenwood Chapter, at Glenwood.

No new decisions were handed down during the year, as all questions were answered by the new Constitution and General Regulations. Minnesota has good working plans and skilled workmen. The Grand High Priest kept going the rounds, and, aside from convocations of his own Chapter, he made thirty-five Chapter visitations, along with visits to other Masonic bodies in his own and in sister States. This is his report on the unity of work:

"I found only one Chapter that was not doing the work as now required by the Grand Chapter. This exception was doing the old work in such a perfect manner that it earned commendation for the quality, but promised to get the new work into use, and I am sure it has done so. Practically all of the work I have witnessed has been good, some of it splendid, and rendered with an evident desire in its exemplification to inculcate the lessons and moral teachings intended."

The Report of Committee on District Deputies and Grand Lecturers will interest Pennsylvanians:

"Your special Committee to whom was referred the matter of a District Deputy or Grand Lecturer system, would respectfully report that after deliberate consideration of both systems we are of the opinion that the District Deputy system is preferable."

Then followed the detailed outline for operating the new plan. The report was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

Companion CHARLES S. SCHURMAN publishes his first report as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. It is a very good one. Following after the talented IRVING TODD, who for thirty-one years served so well, this new Chairman does not suffer in comparison. It has its own individuality, covers the field completely, and packs a history into few pages. Pennsylvania receives four full pages, and I feel that the reviewer likes the Keystone State type of Capitular Masonry.

Membership, 14,535, a gain of 958.

M. E. Companion LOUIS LAWRENCE, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary.
E. W. R.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Mississippi was held in the City of Jackson, on the twenty-second day of February, 1923.

There were present fifteen Grand Officers, fourteen members of standing committees, fourteen Past Grand High Priests, sixty-two Chapters represented, five not represented. Past Grand High Priests not reported in any capacity were ten. Thirty-seven High Priests, eight Kings, five Scribes and seventeen Representatives were present.

M. E. Companion EMMET N. THOMAS, Grand High Priest, read a splendid report. The opening lines are worthy of wide reading:

“I should be pleased to occupy the limited period of this occasion, promulgating what I conceive to be the fundamentals of true Masonry, and unselfish, patriotic citizenship. Reputation is one matter, character is another. Good citizenship, personal integrity, and sound moral intelligence can readily be differentiated from undeserved popularity, and selfish aspirations, from clean, unselfish service. Freemasonry is interested in fundamentals; it endeavors to follow the kindly light of intellect and conscience, notwithstanding the encircling gloom developed by the tropic sun of false philosophy and sectarianism produced by modern thought, or lack of thought. In clarion notes, it affirms: ‘God is the Father, and we are Brethren; it assumes, and rightly so, a neutral position in the realm of politics and theology; it bases its right to live and serve the world on the foundation stone of friendship, relief and truth; it guarantees to every human being the inalienable right to worship his God according to the dictates of his conscience.’ ”

A new Chapter was constituted at Starksville, and one at Union. He has this to say under “Visitations”:

“Because of a condition for which I was in no wise responsible, I was denied the pleasure of visiting any of the Chapters, except Vicksburg, No. 3, and my own Chapter, Hilyer, No. 113.”

In conclusion, he reviews thirty-three years of his personal life in Masonic and civil responsibilities, and attributes whatever there has been of success to the following rules:

“Render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar’s, and unto God the things which are God’s.

“Never do tomorrow what you can do today.

“Follow the lead of kindly light of intellect and conscience.

“Trust the Father and endeavor to keep His Commandments.

“Place moral courage above cowardice, and truth above falsehood.

“Above all, be just, and fear not.”

The Committee on Ritual made a report that was adopted by the Grand Chapter. For uniformity in work much is expected by these new regulations, as each Chapter is required to have five rituals, and to permit each Chapter to have nine if they so wish. One copy to each Grand Officer, to each Deputy Grand Lecturer and to each Past Grand High Priest is the allotment. However, Pennsylvania does not permit written or printed work, not even in code.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence by M. E. Companion GEORGE C. MYERS, Past Grand High Priest, is his second. He is one of the best, and seems to have been at this desk for years. His review is a library of information. Pennsylvania receives splendid treatment from his pen.

A portrait and short biographical sketch of newly installed M. E. Companion J. RICE WILLIAMS, Grand High Priest, are in the opening page of the proceedings.

Membership, 7157, a gain of 328.

M. E. Companion J. RICE WILLIAMS, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MISSOURI.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Saint Louis, Tuesday, April 24, 1923.

A number of distinguished visitors were present, and they were presented severally, introduced, and given the honor due.

The Annual Report of M. E. Companion EDMUND E. MORRIS, Grand High Priest, covers thirty-eight pages of the proceedings, and it is packed full of interest as a record of labor that used the days of his year to the limit. Here is some Missouri straight talk:

“The quality of work being done by most of the Chapters continues on a very high plane. The degrees are conferred in an impressive, dignified manner, and the wisdom of adopting the new General Grand Chapter ritual cannot, in my opinion, be questioned.

“There are about ten Chapters in the State, however, that appear to be so completely, permanently, and positively near-dead that they would do themselves and the Craft a service by picking at the coverlids long enough to surrender their charters.”

Some more of it:

“The District Lecturer system is, to my mind, almost a complete failure, and should be discontinued. The District Lecturers have done nothing for the Craft, so far as I can learn, and appear to be lacking in appreciation of the honor conferred upon them.”

In line with the Grand High Priest's opinion that there are too many Chapters in the State, he discouraged all attempts to start new ones with one ex-

ception, namely, he granted dispensation for a new one at Swope Park, to be known as the William F. Kuhn Chapter.

Dispensations were granted to many requests. Most of them to authorize change of location for the conferring of degrees.

Page after page is given to details of visitations, and space at length is given to the Grand Joint Convocation in Convention Hall, at Kansas City, where degrees were conferred on approximately eleven hundred candidates in the presence of nine thousand Companions. He says:

“It was the opinion of the large number of prominent Companions present that these degrees were conferred in the most remarkably magnificent manner ever known in the history of the Craft in the United States.”

He notes the trouble of the Grand Secretary:

“It is hard—mighty hard—to understand why the officers of some Chapters will not extend the courtesy of a reply to letters and telegrams, particularly since they are generally sent out of a desire to help the Chapter. And the most primitive kind of a sense of duty should, and does, call for a reply to letters and telegrams asking a reply.”

M. E. Companion ROBERT F. STEVENSON retired from the office of Grand Secretary after a service of eighteen years. Advanced age and physical limitation brought about this voluntary action, and we join with the good Companions of Missouri in the trust that there will be much light in his eventide. Grand Chapter elected him Grand Secretary Emeritus, with a monthly honorarium attached.

Companion JOHN HENDERSON MILLER writes an ideal Report on Correspondence. Pennsylvania covers three pages, and the name of our M. E. Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, Past Grand High Priest, is listed as one of the best reviewers of those who take up copy of proceedings. This is what we say in Pennsylvania, too.

Membership, 32,448, a gain of 2716.

M. E. Companion JOHN PICKARD, Grand High Priest.

E. Companion RAY V. DENSLOW, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEVADA.

The Fiftieth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada convened in the City of Reno, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of June, 1923. A constitutional number of subordinate Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by the M. E. Companion LOUIS G. CAMPBELL, Grand High Priest.

Visitors were introduced and welcomed as follows: M. E. Companion EDWARD C. PETERSON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada and Past Grand High Priest; M. E. Companions Past Grand High Priests, FRANK BELL and A. O. PERCY, oldest in

service, and Companion EDWARD BARBER, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nevada.

DAVID E. WILLIAMSON, Grand Representative from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, answered to roll call and was presented at the altar to the Grand Chapter, along with the Grand Representatives from a number of other Jurisdictions.

M. E. Companion LOUIS G. CAMPBELL read his report. Very touchingly does he refer to the breaks in the ranks. He speaks of the "Heavenly Tabernacles" and the "Gardens of Immortality." Here is a beautiful thought:

" 'After life's fitful fever he sleeps well.' We borrow these words from the immortal Shakespeare to say them of the Companions who during the last twelve months have 'taken the lamp and gone to bed while we stay a little longer as one stays to cover up the embers that still burn.' "

This decision may be of interest to the Companions in Pennsylvania:

"As I have visited Chapters in this Jurisdiction I have been frequently asked whether or not the High Priest should wear a hat while presiding. This may seem inconsequential, and not calling for a paragraph in this report, but since the uniformity in Masonic practice is essential to concerted growth and development, it is natural that the Companions should seek information on the point mentioned.

"When asked the question I have stated that the High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons should not be covered when presiding, but that the presiding officer in the Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Degrees should be covered when presiding."

Masonic patriotism is not limited to the mere presence of the Stars and Stripes in the Chapter Halls, and he says:

“While on the subject of practical Masonry I can not repress the inclination to say a word on a subject that has distressed me very much in recent weeks. It is what appears to be an organized attack upon the Courts of this land. Even those in high places have proposed action looking to the robbing of the Courts of their rightful and constitutional powers. The Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, as the transcendent figure in the Courts in the nation, has been attacked and abused, not perhaps that injury to him personally is intended, but as a part of the iniquitous attack upon the Courts.

“There may be no official action that this Grand Chapter can take to fight back the anarchistic influences that would impair the usefulness of our Courts, but it seems to me that we, as Masons, have done nothing more than performing a Masonic duty if we avail ourselves of every opportunity to resent and discourage these treasonable utterances, and which many Masons may in the busy activities of everyday life fail to observe have such ruinous tendencies. It may be that these remarks are foreign to the proper scope of this report, but if they awake some Companions to closer watchfulness against the danger mentioned they will have accomplished their purpose.”

The Semi-Centennial of the Grand Chapter was celebrated in a pleasing way. M. E. Companion FRANK BELL, the oldest living Past Grand High Priest of Nevada, summarized the work of Grand Chapter for the fifty years. M. E. Companion H. W. MILES, Past Grand High Priest, delivered an address on “The Symbolic Teachings of Capitular Masonry.” Pennsylvania would add a “God-speed” as Nevada passes the milestones of a new half century journey. Masonic life is not measured by years, but by the ideals and labor that bless the years with good.

In the remarkable Report on Fraternal Correspondence, R. E. Companion EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary, presents a thorough review of sister Jurisdictions, and it is a regret that the

year's work in Pennsylvania failed to find a place in it.

Membership, 632, a gain of 26.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM B. S. PARK, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire was held in the City of Concord, on Tuesday, May 15, 1923, and was opened in *Ample Form*.

A large number of distinguished visitors were present: M. W. Brother WALTER GREENLAND AFRICA, Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire; M. E. Companion CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and R. E. Companion FRED A. YOUNG, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; M. E. Companion GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York; R. E. Companion WILLIAM R. CONDIT, Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Chapter of New York. M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, of Kansas City, Missouri, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chap-

ter of the United States was introduced and was seated in the Grand East.

M. E. Companion HALBERY N. BOND, Grand High Priest, read his report. It covered a wide field of visitation and inspection. His visit to Philadelphia is reported in these words:

“My first visit out of our Jurisdiction was on December 7, 1922, to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. I was met at the railroad station by a Committee from the Grand Chapter and escorted to Masonic Hall, where I had the pleasure of meeting other guests from the New England States. After luncheon was served a reception was held at which the guests from the different Jurisdictions were received with Grand Honors. In the evening the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified. After the work all the guests were entertained at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.”

He adds a complete record of visits by Companion Officers, and the year shows earnest work and healthy growth, without any family quarrels to disturb the peace and harmony of the Craft. The Grand Chapter was not in mind to take up the matter of change in minimum fees and dues for the subordinate Chapters, and the resolution held over from last year was indefinitely postponed.

The sixth report of Companion CHARLES B. SPOFFORD as Correspondent is presented in his usual painstaking manner, and it is a delightful one to read. He takes you on a pen trip throughout Capitular Masonry, and introduces the reader to over three-quarters of a million Companions in the United States.

Pennsylvania receives very good attention, and we assure him that his regard for M. E. Companion MEREDITH as a reviewer is in accord with ours.

Membership, 5790, a gain of 31.

M. E. Companion EDWARD HAYES, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion HARRY M. CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEW JERSEY.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey was convened at Trenton, New Jersey, on Wednesday, May 9, 1923. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*. Representatives of forty-six of the fifty-three subordinate Chapters were present.

M. E. Companion ALBERT LEON, Past Grand High Priest, was appointed Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, and he at once entered upon his duties by presenting to the Grand Chapter our M. E. Companion JOHN M. CORE, Grand High Priest, and also M. E. Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Grand Secretary.

Here is the address of our own Grand High Priest:

“Most Excellent Companion DAVIDSON, I bring to you the good will of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania with all its members. Time will not permit me to say anything about our work in Pennsylvania, but I wish to say that I have listened with a great deal of interest to the addresses delivered, and also that we have been practicing in Pennsylvania for many years the very things that have been advocated. I never saw a rough and rugged road in Pennsylvania. We have no horse-play within my knowledge. My predecessors made it a law some years ago that no one could become High Priest unless he was able to exemplify all the degrees of Capitular Masonry. And I find that many Jurisdictions are today instituting the things that we have been practicing from time immemorial.”

M. E. Companion JOSIAH S. DAVIDSON, Grand High Priest, delivered an address, which was brief, but it covered well the high spots of the year's work. Along with a busy year in visitations, he was able, with a goodly number of his Grand Officers, to attend the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania on December 7, 1922.

New Jersey holds Schools of Instruction with the District Deputies, and of their successful toil he writes:

“They have held six Schools of Instruction with the Right Excellent District Deputies.

“In behalf of the Right Excellent District Deputies I wish to state that I have visited several of their meetings and witnessed the ceremonies attendant upon conferring the several degrees. Standardization, uniformity, proficiency and excellence—I have not words to express the state and character of the work these Companions are qualified to render to the Craft.”

Pennsylvania is jealous for perfect ritual work and welcomes the news from her sister Jurisdiction that they, too, are putting first things first.

The Grand High Priest recommended that the American Flag be displayed in every Chapter throughout the State. This is an order in Pennsylvania. The need of the display of the Stars and Stripes finds echo in the closing words of his address:

“I wish to leave this thought with you: The time has come when the name American should be good enough for any man living in the United States and not apologized for by prefixing the name of any other nationality and connecting it by a hyphen. Let the professional foreigner, who considers all other places superior to this, our country, be permitted or requested to seek the place that he believes so much better than this and allow us to go on our own way as we believe best. On this there should be no compromise.”

After reading the report of R. E. Companion FRED E. TILDEN, Grand King, I make bold to prophesy that within two years the custom of permitting smoking in Chapter sessions will be a thing of the past in New Jersey, as it is in Pennsylvania.

New Jersey Masonry in particular and the entire Masonic world in general joins in respect to the memory of that M. E. Companion HENRY SNOWDEN HAINES, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer. His record has been unfolded in the Heavenly Tabernacles. His reports on Correspondence were written, year after year, with much care and study. He brought to his work the mind of a historian that was rich in Masonic information.

R. E. Companion J. EDWARD HARDENBERGH, Grand Royal Arch Captain, takes up the work as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. This is the

first report for the new Committee, and it is a good one. It is worthy of the excellent ones that are New Jersey's each year. Sorry that Pennsylvania was overlooked in the review. However, we in Pennsylvania are busy at work as ever in giving Masonic light and knowledge.

Membership, 16,999, a gain of 1336.

M. E. Companion FRANK C. PREISS, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion PETER MCGILL, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEW MEXICO.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Mexico was held at Albuquerque, February 22, 1923.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock, with all the Grand Officers present. Seven Past Grand High Priests, one Past Grand King, one Past Grand Scribe, two Past Grand Treasurers, and sixteen of the eighteen constituent Chapters were present.

This meeting was honored by the presence of M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand

Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, who were introduced and received with the customary honors immediately after the opening of Grand Chapter.

The General Grand High Priest then addressed Grand Chapter in a most eloquent, forceful and illuminating manner upon the aims and purposes of Royal Arch Masonry. The address is printed in full, and covers six (6) pages of the Proceedings. The entire address is a masterpiece from a historic and philosophical viewpoint, and should be widely circulated and attentively read by Royal Arch Masons in every Jurisdiction. The Grand Chapter of New Mexico would honor itself and do an incalculable service to Royal Arch Masonry everywhere to see that this is done if such a procedure were allowable.

Three dispensations were granted and one refused for a good and sufficient reason.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$4283.23.

The Grand Secretary reports a total membership of 1832, a gain of 115 over the report of the preceding year.

The coincidence of this meeting of Grand Chapter falling upon the anniversary of the birth of the immortal Washington was incorporated in a resolution contributing \$250 to the George Washington National Memorial Association.

No report of the Committee on Correspondence is noted in the Proceedings.

M. E. Companion RICHARD H. HANNA, Grand High Priest.

Companion ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales met in Quarterly Convocation in Masonic Hall, Castlereagh Street, Sydney, on February 8, May 10, August 9 and November 10, 1922.

In each instance Grand Chapter was opened and closed in *Ample Form*.

These meetings were entirely devoted to the transaction of routine business and the submitting of reports by Committees and the Superintendents having oversight of the work in the several subdistricts. These reports show that Royal Arch Masonry is a real live institution in New South Wales, and while the exaltations have not been large numerically, yet the reports show that the Ritual was faithfully adhered to, and that the interest manifested was of the type with which we are familiar in the United States of America. Masonry speaks a universal language suitable to men everywhere. We therefore find men

separated by thousands of miles of space whose hearts beat in unison to its promptings and whose united efforts are directed toward the common good of Royal Arch Masonry.

Charters for several new Chapters were granted.

We have had much delight in reviewing the Proceedings of New South Wales, and have gained additional inspiration in the thought that the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter is working in amity and concord with Companions in far-away New South Wales. May your prosperity continue and your influence increase and our fraternal relationship become more firmly cemented as the years accumulate.

M. E. Companion AUBREY HALLORAN, Grand Z.

E. Companion A. J. BURBRIDGE, Grand Scribe E.
H. J. B.

NEW YORK.

The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York convened in Masonic Temple, at Albany, New York, on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 6 and 7, 1923.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* with all the Grand Officers present. There were also present sixteen Past Grand High Priests, two Past Grand Kings, one Past Grand Scribe, and represent-

atives from 211 of the 219 constituent Chapters. Grand Representatives from forty-one Jurisdictions, including Pennsylvania, were present. They were received in a body, introduced by Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM T. CHEVALIER, and courteously and fraternally welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion CHAUNCEY B. HAMMOND, of the Grand Chapter of Utah, responded in a most pleasing manner for the Grand Representatives.

Among distinguished visitors present were Most Illustrious GEORGE S. HASEVELL, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Master Masons of New York; Most Excellent HALBERT N. BOND, Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire; Right Eminent Sir STUART H. WALKER, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of New York, and last, but not least, our own Most Excellent JOHN M. CORE, Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

We notice that during the roll call the Grand Secretary called attention to the fact that Grand Lecturer Emeritus GEORGE MCGOWN failed to answer to his name for the first time in forty years. What a wealth of devotion, service and loyalty to Royal Arch Masonry is contained in the recording of this incident.

The address of the Grand High Priest followed the reception of the distinguished visitors. After a

careful reading and study of this full and concise presentation of the activities of the Grand High Priest during the year we are persuaded that the station, while one of distinguished honor, carries with it duties and responsibilities that demand the best thought, the keenest judgment and the highest courage to discharge with honor to himself and the widest benefit to the Craft.

Notice is made of the death of two Past Grand High Priests and of seven Past Grand Officers of other rank. Notice was also made of the death of sixty Past High Priests of subordinate Chapters. Truly a heavy toll the Grim Destroyer has exacted from the Grand Chapter of New York during the year.

We notice that two new Chapters were constituted during the year, that charters were granted for four new Chapters, that one was refused and one laid over to "my successor for consideration."

Sixteen dispensations are reported to elect officers, and fourteen to meet in halls other than their own to confer degrees other than the Royal Arch.

Three requests for dispensation were refused.

Five waivers of Jurisdiction were granted, and twenty-six were received from other Jurisdictions, of which number seven were from Pennsylvania.

In the "General Directions" issued by the Grand High Priest to his Assistant Grand Lecturers the following paragraphs are of interest and will receive the unqualified support of all Royal Arch Masons. He says:

"If . . . in any of the degrees, practices not in conformity with the Standard Work or anything commonly known as 'rough work' is practiced it is expected that you will exert all your power to cause an immediate discontinuance of the same."

In the opinion of the reviewer there is nothing that so much detracts from the dignity of Masonic ritual as so-called "rough work" or the introduction of any feature designed to embarrass the candidate. Further he says:

"Do not interfere with the work or give instruction while the degree is in progress, save only to stop a positive wrong practice or a violation of the landmarks."

This is wholesome advice to those instructors in any Jurisdiction whose zeal for perfection of detail outstrips their desire to impart the deep truths of Masonry to the novice in a quiet, unaffected manner. We commend the Grand High Priest for his attitude.

Under "Decisions" a number of problems of jurisdiction and of the correct interpretation of Masonic law were referred to, in the analysis of which and the conclusions reached there should be no difference of opinion.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a membership of 64,250, with a net increase of 3457. The

report also shows six Chapters with more than 1000 members and four Chapters that have exalted more than 100 Most Excellent Master Masons during the year.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows resources of \$204,346.75.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is edited by M. E. Companion ARTHUR WARREN. It covers 100 pages in the Proceedings, in which are reviewed the activities of all sister Jurisdictions in fraternal relationship with the Grand Chapter of New York. Pennsylvania for 1921 is accorded a fraternal notice.

R. E. GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand High Priest.

M. E. CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota was held in Masonic Temple, at Grand Forks, January 23, 1923, at 9.30 A. M.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample* and *Excellent Form*, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from all but three of the subordinate Chapters present.

The General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, and the Grand High Priest of Minnesota, M. E. LOUIS LAWRENCE, were introduced and received with the Grand Honors of Masonry.

Among other distinguished visitors were M. W. Brother EDWIN A. RIPLEY, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Dakota; M. I. Companion ADOLPH M. CHRISTIANSON, Grand Master of Royal and Select Master Masons of North Dakota; R. E. ERNEST O. EDDY, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of North Dakota. These distinguished Companions were each cordially welcomed and given the Grand Honors.

The Grand High Priest in his annual address says that "our gains have not been great," and continues by ascribing several causes in explanation. He also makes the following keen observation that "mere gain in members, however, does not necessarily mean health," and continues by saying that "too often in the past large gains could have been explained by a desire on the part of candidates to rush through to the Commandery and the Shrine," and follows this by saying that "the fact that a candidate is an adept at blowing a horn, or has a bank account of sufficient proportions to permit him to engage in various social activities denied to the less

fortunate Brothers does not necessarily make him desirable Royal Arch timber."

To these sentiments we give our hearty assent, assuming, of course, that he did not mean that the possession of such qualities were objectionable in themselves, but that they became so only if and when they constituted the sole reason for seeking advancement. These are some of the things that have a tendency to cheapen and belittle the dignity and power of Royal Arch Masonry as an agency for moral uplift wherever Chapters of Royal Arch Masons are erected. The truth that Master Masons need to have presented to them is that Royal Arch Masonry is not a stepping stone to something beyond it or higher than itself, but that it is the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry, the end and climax of all Masonic search. Education and more education alone can and must solve the problem.

Two dispensations were granted for sufficient reasons, and another, it seems to us, was for convenience. But then, why be a Grand High Priest if you cannot accommodate your friends when no violence is done to the ancient landmarks? One dispensation was refused, as it should have been.

Under "District Convocations" we read that "all six of the District Convocations were attended by your Grand High Priest." Such activity and zeal in the interest of the Craft deserves the warmest commendation. But the report that attracted our

closest attention was submitted of a meeting held during the afternoon and evening of December 5, 1922, at Dickinson. We do not know the location of Dickinson, but we have read much of the severity of the winters in North Dakota, and when we read that "all but one Chapter in the District was represented, although the delegates from two of them had to travel overland from forty to sixty miles in below zero weather," we know it was a splendid testimony to the loyalty of Royal Arch Masons to their vows, and that North Dakota was surely making some Royal Arch Masons of approved type.

Seven constituent Chapters were visited during the year.

Grand Treasurer's report shows balance on hand of \$16,290.47.

Grand Secretary reports a membership of 4089, a gain of 80.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence covers seventy-five pages of the Proceedings, in which reports of the proceedings of fifty Grand Chapters are reviewed. Among them Pennsylvania receives due and cordial notice.

M. E. Companion WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion RALPH L. MILLER, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Halifax, N. S., beginning at ten o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, the twelfth day of June, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion EDWARD TURNER CARBONELL, with all the Grand Officers present.

Eighteen of the twenty constituent Chapters were represented. There were also present five Past Grand High Priests, five Past Grand Kings, four Past Grand Scribes, and ten visitors from sister Chapters.

Letters of regret from two Past Grand High Priests were read, expressing their disappointment in not being permitted to attend the meeting of Grand Chapter.

This was followed by the address of the Grand High Priest. After referring to the disappointment of those having in charge the arrangements for this meeting of the Grand Chapter in not being able to hold the meeting at St. John's, Newfoundland, as had been anticipated, he says:

“My year of office has been a strenuous one, but I do not begrudge the work it entailed, as it was a labour of love for the institution I deem to be the noblest and best on earth. My one great regret is that I could not accomplish all I desired. I never made the slightest effort to rule: my sole aim and ambition was faithfully to serve the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia to the best of my ability.”

It is such spirit and such devotion by men of high purposes in life that gives to Masonry of every grade its dignity, and makes it the force in the affairs of life that it is.

Ten dispensations were granted for various purposes. We believe, however, that the Grand High Priest was justified in his determination not to grant a dispensation for holding a stated Convocation of a subordinate Chapter at any other hour than that provided in its By-laws.

A number of decisions are recorded, all of which seem to have been made in accordance with Masonic jurisprudence. The question of “rough work” and other undignified practices among the Companions in conferring degrees calls from the Grand High Priest a letter of instruction “To the newly-installed Officers,” in which he appeals to them “to sturdily discountenance all levity, and also to peremptorily prohibit all hazing or playing tricks with the candidates.” This was most refreshing reading, and we desire to most heartily compliment the Grand High Priest in his decided attitude in the matter. The entire address was brimful of the most wholesome advice, and is among the most enlightening it has been our pleasure to review.

We have perused most carefully and with the deepest interest his record of visitations and addresses made, of banquets and collations attended, of railroad and automobile rides enjoyed, of late hours retiring and early morning rising, and we marvel at the physical vigor, activity and enthusiasm displayed by one who passed his four score and tenth milestone. Masonry and the friendships it creates must be to him a rare tonic and stimulant in the ripened years of his service to the Craft. Our hope and prayer is that the Great Architect may long spare his life to the Brethren here as an inspiration and a blessing to all whom he may personally touch, as his words have touched the writer of this review. It must have been a rare joy to the Companions to have cared for him on his journeys as they did.

The reports of each of the Grand Superintendents reveals the healthy and growing condition of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the entire Jurisdiction.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a membership of 2754, with a net gain of 166.

Report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$5064.44.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is edited by M. E. Companion GEORGE D. MACDOUGAL, and covers ninety-six pages of the Proceedings. We wish to make a correction in his review of Pennsylvania. He says, "John M. *Case* was installed Grand

High Priest.” It should read “John M. *Core*,” but perhaps this was the printer’s error. We have had the keenest pleasure in reviewing the entire proceedings.

M. E. Companion JOHN W. LOGAN, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion BRENTON F. PORTER, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

OHIO.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio convened in its One Hundred and Sixth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, Springfield, Ohio, October 4, 1922.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* with all the Grand Officers present. Sixteen Past Grand High Priests were present and representatives from 191 of the 200 subordinate Chapters.

Past High Priest COPENHANER, of Springfield Chapter, No. 48, welcomed the Grand Chapter in a most pleasing, courteous and fraternal manner, which was graciously responded to by R. E. Companion B. T. BERRY, Deputy Grand High Priest. A number of distinguished visitors were formally introduced, fraternally welcomed and received with Grand Honors. Among them were R. E. Companion S. A. DARLING, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of

Michigan; M. W. Brother FRANK M. RAUSBOTTOM, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio; Most Illustrious Companion EDWARD C. RECTOR, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Ohio, and M. E. Companion WILLIAM T. S. O'HARA, of the General Grand Chapter.

After the reception of these eminent Companions the Grand High Priest presented and read his annual address.

In reviewing his record and report we are pleased to note the following:

“Your presence bespeaks your interest, and it is my hope that we may here receive a new vision of the high purpose and teaching of Capitular Masonry—a new inspiration to make our ideal, not merely dreams of aspiration, but the practice of our daily lives; a new realization of our personal responsibility for what Capitular Masonry is, for what it does and for how it is regarded in our own community.

“Business efficiency is necessary in the proper conduct of a Chapter and is most dependent upon the Secretary. We have faith in our Fraternity, belief in our destiny and an abiding trust that God will give us the vision . . . that we shall be enabled to quiet the confusions . . . and see the dawning of a new day when peace, harmony and brotherly love shall prevail.”

We note also the record of District meetings for the rehearsal of the Capitular Degrees and the value derived from them. No other effort, it seems to the reviewer, will create a corresponding interest and zeal in Capitular Masonry as such gatherings. In Pennsylvania they have proven of inestimable value. Reading between the lines of the reports we somehow glean the thought that Capitular Masonry in Ohio

among many members of subordinate Chapters is looked upon with indifference, if not by entire neglect—a condition we are certain is not alone peculiar to the Grand Jurisdiction of Ohio. Upon this condition the Grand High Priest in his letter to his Inspectors has this to say, *viz.*:

“I would call your attention to the vast membership added to our ranks in the past few years but have not visited our Chapter since the conferring of the degrees. The problem is, how to assimilate this material, how to interest them, how to make them working and useful instead of contributing members only.”

These are truly serious problems to be solved, not only in Ohio, but everywhere. Why is so much good material lost to Capitular Masonry? Why has the Chapter been so much neglected, or should we not rather say, Why has not more value been placed upon the attractiveness of the Capitular Degrees and a keener interest manifested in the welfare of the Chapter? These are questions worthy the calm consideration of all lovers of Royal Arch Masonry. We are of the opinion that District meetings such as the Grand Chapter of Ohio advises and practices, reinforced by addresses upon subjects relating vitally to Chapter Masonry by Companions qualified for such service, can and will cause to spread a desire for a better and a deeper knowledge of what Capitular Masonry really means and the ideas for which it stands than any other investment of service that can be made. We heartily commend the Grand Chapter of Ohio upon its success in this work.

Ten dispensations were granted and three requests for dispensations were refused during the year.

Charters for the establishment of two new Chapters were granted and one refused.

Upon the subject of undignified or "rough work" in the Royal Arch Degree we have pleasure in quoting the following opinion, to which we give our hearty and unqualified approval.

"The work of Capitular Masonry is intended to instill a moral lesson in each degree. This cannot be done by levity, horse-play, or rough handling of a candidate, and under no circumstances will it be permitted. It is my hope that those Companions who now attend for amusement purposes may in time get a true conception of the beauty and dignity of Capitular Masonry."

The report made by the Grand High Priest of his visit to the Masonic Home, and of the splendid work being done by that great benevolence, was read with keen interest. It shows Masonry at real work in the great world of pressing need. Ohio Masonry may well be proud of the record of the work done by their great institution. He closed his address with this appealing paragraph:

"Let us strive zealously and with sacrifice for more generous support that this, our only great and outstanding monument to Masonic benevolence, may not be hampered or hindered in the great purpose for which it was founded."

We notice the centennial celebration of three subordinate Chapters during the year.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a membership of 71,536, a net gain of 3482 during the year. The report also shows five Chapters with a membership of over 1500, eight Chapters with a membership

of over 1000, fifteen Chapters with a membership of over 600. In every detail the report of the Grand Secretary is a perfect model.

The volume contains a full report of the Committee on Correspondence, in which Pennsylvania receives fraternal notice.

M. E. Companion B. F. BERRY, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion EDWIN HAGENBACH, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

OKLAHOMA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons assembled in the Masonic Hall, at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, at ten o'clock A. M., April 11, 1923, in the Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, with all the Grand Officers present.

Grand Representatives from thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions assembled in a body about the altar, when they were formally introduced and welcomed by the Grand High Priest, Pennsylvania being represented by M. E. Companion ERNEST LANE WILSON, the present Grand High Priest, a courtesy and distinction that is graciously appreciated by the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

The address of the Grand High Priest was a concise and detailed presentation of his activities and labors during the year, covering fifteen pages of the Proceedings.

Fifteen dispensations were granted for purposes of receiving and balloting on petitions at other than the regular time where the good of Royal Arch Masonry was involved, and for holding special elections and installations of Officers.

Ten requests to confer degrees upon candidates were made of other Jurisdictions, and the same courtesy extended nine times to other Grand Jurisdictions.

Six decisions involving Masonic Jurisprudence were made, of which the Committee on Jurisprudence approved three and disagreed with the Grand High Priest on the remainder.

The refusal by the Grand High Priest to allow a Chapter to go ten miles into the country to the top of a mountain, there to confer the Degree of Royal Arch Mason must meet the hearty approval of every loyal Freemason. Such a procedure would class Masonry by the profane with those masked organizations whose chief attractiveness seems to be midnight ceremonies in an open place. We rejoice that the Grand High Priest of Oklahoma has had the courage to exercise the weight of his authority against such an unusual request. As we read Order No. 1, prohibiting smoking within the Chapter Hall while con-

ferring the degrees, we asked ourselves why such an order was necessary and why it was not made operative during the entire session of a Chapter, whether engaged in conferring degrees, or in the routine labor of transacting business. Surely the indulgence of a cigar, a cigarette or a pipe could be omitted long enough by the Companions to make a Chapter meeting a dignified service rather than give it the flavor of a political caucus. We commend and support the Grand High Priest for his emphatic deliverance upon this practice.

Dispensations were recommended for the establishment of four new Chapters. This shows a healthy condition and normal growth of Royal Arch Masonry in Oklahoma. We notice the removal of a charter and all the property and funds of a Chapter from one city to another for reasons that were sound and sane. Under "Inactive Chapters" he says that they "Are a liability instead of an asset. From a business standpoint they cost more than they pay in—but we must treat them in the Masonic spirit," and that by encouragement "they will take on new life and become an asset." In another section he discusses the question of "what to do with our Past High Priests." The most logical solution seems to be the exercise of greater discrimination in selecting those upon whom the Order of High Priesthood is conferred. Those who properly appreciate the honor and dignity that the distinction confers will be just the man Grand High Priest LANE says he

will be in "offering his service gladly, willingly and at all times to his less informed Companions."

We confess some surprise to learn that there are more than 60,000 Freemasons in Oklahoma, and that only a small percentage of them have availed themselves of the privilege of advancement. Truthfully does the Grand High Priest say that "the fields are ripe for the harvest but the laborers are few."

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a membership of 12,896, a net gain of 1184.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is edited by Companion WILLIAM NOBLE, covers fifty pages of the Proceedings, and is friendly, courteous and fraternal. However, we do not find Pennsylvania in his review.

We are glad to quote from his introduction, the following:

"There is no good reason why the candidate should not be instructed from the very beginning as to the necessary connection between these degrees—the York Rite) . . . and not give the impression that the Lodge, the Chapter or the Council is a finality in itself, or that the Commandery or the Shrine are of such supreme importance that the intervening degrees are only to be gone through in order to reach it."

Quite correct, Companion NOBLE. We in Pennsylvania rejoice that in Oklahoma you are teaching and preaching from the same text that we have chosen. It is the only method by which any one can

grasp the great Masonic ideal in an understandable and workable way.

EDWARD PAYSON GALLUP, Grand High Priest.

JAMES A. SCOTT, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

OREGON.

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Oregon was held in the City of Portland, Oregon, June 11, 1923.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, with all the Grand Officers in their respective stations and places. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of forty-five of the forty-nine subordinate Chapters were present.

The Grand Representatives from other Jurisdictions were formally received and introduced by E. Companion OSCAR HAYTEN, Past Grand High Priest.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a review of his labors during the year and a record of the state of Capitular Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon. He notes the death of two Past Grand High Priests during the year.

Four petitions for new Chapters were received, two new Chapters were constituted, and three Chapters were instituted under dispensation.

Five special dispensations were issued for special elections, change of meeting place, and installation.

An action we are pleased to note and most heartily approve was that of an agreement entered into by the Inspector General of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Oregon and the Grand High Priest whereby no Master Mason could petition either the Chapter or the Scottish Rite Bodies in Oregon without possessing a certificate of proficiency in the work of the Master Mason's Degree executed in proper form by the Worshipful Master of a regular and duly constituted Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and attested by the Secretary of such Lodge with the seal attached. This is the best piece of Masonic regulation we have either heard of or read. Its effect must be to raise to a higher level of dignity every grade of Masonry in the Jurisdiction of Oregon. Other Jurisdictions could follow with profit this lead. We most heartily commend it.

We of Pennsylvania are at a loss to know just how Oregon can adopt a ritual not in conformity with the ritual adopted by the General Grand Chapter. Of course, not being under the authority of the General Grand Chapter, we could not be expected to know how this can be done.

The Grand High Priest records visiting forty-two of the forty-five subordinate Chapters during the year. He must have been a very busy man, and zealously devoted to the interests of Grand Chapter to have accomplished this amount of work and give so

liberally of his time. He notes the inability of officers of subordinate Chapters to read correctly the cryptogram of Royal Arch Masonry. We are therefore left to conjecture just what ritual has been used in conferring Capitular Degrees, but whatever it was we feel sure that they do make earnest, zealous, loyal Royal Arch Masons out of their candidates.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of \$2101.80, with securities held of \$25,750.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a membership of 6678, a net gain of 351.

The controversy between the Grand Chapter of Texas and the General Grand Chapter of the United States, relative to the establishment of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Mexico, is given four full pages in the Proceedings, and is the most complete record of the dispute we have seen.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence furnishes ninety-two pages. We are sorry to note that Pennsylvania had not been received in time for the reviewer's comment. It would have been a privilege to have had Pennsylvania reviewed by so talented a Companion as he who signs himself "Correspondent."

Companion GEORGE G. BROWN, Grand High Priest.

Companion JAMES F. ROBINSON, Grand Scribe.

H. J. B.

QUEBEC.

The Forty-sixth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec was held in the City of Montreal, March 28, 1923. The Proceedings came to our desk in one of the most attractive volumes it has been our pleasure to review.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at 2.50 o'clock P. M.

It was a real pleasure to read the address of the Grand First Principal Z., from which we quote the following sentiments:

“Nothing can invest Masonry with strength and grandeur like leaving it to be simply its own proper self. . . . Mightier than any power of speech is the living dead. . . . Let the Companions but show in their lives true veneration for our lofty teachings and the impotent execrations of a fierce opposition shall fall powerless as tiny pebbles against the adamantine fortress.”

Seven dispensations were granted for installation of officers for good and sufficient reasons.

Two new Chapters were instituted and one new Chapter constituted during the year.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents upon the activities of Royal Arch Masonry in their respective Districts was interesting reading, and impresses the reviewer with the thought that the Royal Art in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of

Quebec is a vital factor in the lives of the Royal Arch Masons of that Grand Jurisdiction.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a membership on December 31, 1922, of 2971, a net increase for the year of 202.

We take pleasure in quoting the following sentiment from his report for the reason that it expresses a conviction long entertained by the reviewer. In taking note of the decline in the rate of increase in membership, he says:

“It may prove a distinct benefit, inasmuch as it will give a much needed opportunity of reviewing the past few years of unprecedented activities in order to measure the success, or otherwise, of the assimilation of large additions to all branches of Masonry.”

Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance in the General Fund of \$3340.05, and in the Benevolent Fund of \$520.28.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is edited by M. E. Companion E. T. D. CHAMBERS, Past Grand Z. We were attracted by the following observation made by M. E. Companion CHAMBERS:

“Let us, therefore, call your attention to the fact that while the Third Degree symbolizes incompleteness, and failure just short of attainment—that in place of the reward for which you had so long toiled you must be content with a substitute—the Royal Arch symbolizes the fulfillment of every promise, the attainment of every ideal, the completion of our Spiritual Temple and the realization of our highest hopes.”

If these words of wisdom could be spoken within the hearing of every Master Mason, wherever he may

be found, their influence would be to create such a desire for a deeper knowledge of Ancient Craft Masonry that would make the Degree of Royal Arch the most sought after, as it should be, of all the Masonic grades.

The entire report covers ninety-three pages of the Proceedings, in which Pennsylvania receives most courteous and fraternal notice in over two pages.

M. E. Companion H. WILLIS, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion W. W. WILLIAMSON, Grand Secretary E.

H. J. B.

RHODE ISLAND.

The One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island was held in Freemason's Hall, Providence, at ten o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, March 8, A. D. 1921, A. I. 2451.

There were present twelve Past Grand High Priests, forty-eight Past High Priests, representatives from thirteen of the fifteen constituent Chapters and Grand Representatives from thirty-one Grand Jurisdictions.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. JAMES A. ROGERS, Grand High Priest.

The following distinguished visitors were then formally introduced and most cordially welcomed by the Grand High Priest:

M. E. Companion J. VREELAND HARING, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, accompanied by R. E. Companion JOSIAH DAVISON, Grand King; M. E. Companion HENRY R. TISDALE, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, accompanied by R. E. Companion ARTHUR N. NASH, Grand King; M. E. Companion WILLARD T. CHEVALIER, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, accompanied by R. E. Companion GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand King, and M. E. Companion ALFRED A. ADAMS, Past Grand High Priest.

A communication was read from FREDERICK W. CRAIG, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, expressing his keen regret in not being permitted to be present at this meeting.

The address of the Grand High Priest covers his official acts during the year, with some recommendations for the consideration of Grand Chapter.

Two dispensations were granted to hold stated Conclaves at other than the time provided in the By-laws, and one dispensation to appear in Masonic regalia to attend church services inaugurating a centennial celebration of a subordinate Chapter.

Four new Chapters were constituted during the year.

The subject of finances of subordinate Chapters received some attention from the Grand High Priest. Low fees or no annual dues was found to be the cause of finances not being what they should. This same vice has been discovered by Grand High Priests in other Jurisdictions, and certainly needs correcting if Royal Arch Masonry is to assume and retain the place it should occupy in the great Masonic plan.

The appointment of a Grand Lecturer whose duty would be to standardize the ritual would meet the same demand that schools of instruction do in Pennsylvania.

The recommendation to begin preparations at once for the proper observance of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, we have no doubt, has by this time been carried to a successful conclusion.

We must here advise that the Proceedings of Rhode Island for 1921 did not reach the desk of the reviewer until November, 1923.

Report of Grand Treasurer shows balance, \$12,182.34.

Report of Grand Secretary shows a membership of 7259, a net increase for the year of 1254. We here note also that one Chapter alone has a membership

of 2989, or over forty per cent. of entire membership of the Jurisdiction, and that Chapter No. 1 was constituted in 1793. What a wonderful history!

Companion HOWARD R. SLADE, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion W. R. GREENE, R. E. Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

SCOTLAND.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland met in Annual Convocation in Royal Arch Mason's Hall, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, March 21, 1923.

The Supreme Grand Chapter was opened in *Full Form* by M. E. Companion C. C. NESBIT, of Stobseil, Past Deputy Grand Z.

The Report of Election of Office Bearers on March 2, 1923, with a list thereof was submitted and approved.

The Earl of CASSILLIS was then escorted into the Chapter Hall, when he was obligated and invested with the robes and regalia of First Grand Principal and inducted into the chair of office.

The other Grand Officers were then obligated and invested with the insignia of their respective offices

and Supreme Grand Chapter was closed in *Ample Form*.

The Office Bearers and Companions to the number of 150 then proceeded to the banquet hall where the festival of the Vernal Equinox was celebrated.

We confess to a bit of confusion in attempting to unravel the thread of relationship between Royal Arch Masonry and the time that marks the equality of the hours of darkness and the hours of light, unless perhaps it may be that it also marks the time on the calendar when the hours of light begin to supercede the hours of darkness. Perhaps to our Scottish Companions this may be ignorance rather than confusion. At any rate, we shall be glad for more light. But whatever the real reason may be for the observance of this day we are certain that the banquet was a most enjoyable event. The many toasts that were proposed, and which were responded to in such a felicitous manner, we shall make no attempt to analyze. However, one remark, by M. E. Companion C. C. NESBIT shall never be forgotten. It was "that Scotland had received her Masonry from Ireland." We have heard it said many times that all of the really great men that England ever produced were Irishmen, but until the remark of Companion NESBIT we did not know that Scotland was debtor to Ireland for her Masonry. It matters not where it originated, Scottish Masonry is of the royal type. More power to real Irishmen. In addition to this, there were a number of pleasing incidents and many mes-

sages of helpfulness were spoken. Altogether it must have been an evening long to be remembered by those who were present.

At the Quarterly Communication held March 2, 1923, petitions for charters for ten new Chapters were found in order and passed. Nine of these were for Chapters to be erected in New South Wales.

We are at a loss to know how the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland holds jurisdiction in New South Wales, where the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales also holds authority.

In reviewing the reports submitted we are amazed at the outreach of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and of the many foreign countries in which Chapters of Royal Arch Masons are holden under the authority of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

The Right Hon. The Earl of CASSILLIS, M. E. First Grand Principal.

ALFRED A. ARBUTHNOT MURRAY, Grand Scribe E.

H. J. B.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The One Hundred and Twelfth Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina was held in Newberry, S. C., April 10, A. D. 1923, at twelve o'clock M.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, with all the Grand Officers in their respective stations. There were present five Past Grand High Priests and forty-four representatives from thirty-six subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was honored at this Convocation by the presence of M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America. He was accompanied by E. Companion JOHN H. ANDERSON, General Grand Master of the First Vail, and also by M. E. Companion WILLIAM RITCHIE SMITH, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. These distinguished Companions were most graciously introduced and received with Grand Honors.

The address of the Grand High Priest was an interesting record of his labors and activities during the year. Under "Inter-State Visitations," he says: "I believe that much good may be accomplished by these inter-State visits, thereby strengthening the bond of fraternal union existing between the different Jurisdictions." To this sentiment we of Pennsylvania give our most hearty approval. The benefits to be derived from such fraternal intercourse are deeper and more far-reaching than can be easily estimated. We also note that each of the subordinate Chapters in the Jurisdiction were visited by the Grand High Priest during the year. "It is," he says, "the best investment that the Grand Chapter

could possibly make.” There can be no question of doubt that visitations by Grand Officers can and does do more to stimulate and deepen interest in Capitular Masonry than anything else a Grand Officer can do.

We can scarcely agree, however, with the opinion that “developing degree teams rather than having the officers do all the ritualistic work” would be a wise course to pursue. We believe that one of the qualifications essential to any man who aspires to the exalted station of High Priest is his ability to do ritualistic work in a creditable manner, and that no man should be installed High Priest of any Chapter unless he is capable of conferring one or all of the Capitular Degrees. The office of High Priest, carrying with the “Order of High Priesthood,” is a distinguished honor, and well worthy of all the time and any sacrifice of sincere effort necessary for its attainment. Degree teams, it seems to the reviewer, would have the effect to lessen rather than to “create more interest among the Companions.”

Reference is made to a York Rite Festival, during which all the degrees in Freemasonry and the Orders of Knighthood were successively conferred at a meeting extending over a period of three days. Such a meeting would certainly be interesting, pleasing and profitable, and yet in many Jurisdictions, and among them is Pennsylvania, we doubt the wisdom of such procedure.

We are pleased to note that dispensations were refused to shorten the statutory time of the investigating period or to confer degrees out of time.

It has been both a pleasure and a profit to read the address of the Grand High Priest and to follow him in his activities during his year of incumbency in office, and we congratulate the Grand Chapter of South Carolina in having as its presiding officer one who devoted himself so unselfishly to the best interests of Capitular Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows assets of \$21,368.57.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a membership of 6380, with a net gain of 147.

After the usual routine business of Grand Chapter had been concluded a recess was taken until three P. M.

When labor was resumed General Grand High Priest M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN was introduced, and responded in one of the most learned, rhetorical, inspiring, helpful and instructive addresses it has ever been our privilege to read. We are entirely incapable of analyzing it as it should be done, and yet a few paragraphs stand out so prominently we take the liberty of quoting them. Among many encouraging remarks, he said:

“I bring you the good news that Royal Arch Masonry has taken on a new life, a different inspiration, a different spirit and conception. It is no longer a mere passageway to something higher, but Capitular Masonry is standing on its own merits.”

Again he said:

“The world is waiting for the practical application of the principles of Freemasonry to existing conditions in every nation and peoples on earth.”

Still further on he said:

“The great lesson to be taught in America today is obedience to law and to constituted authority; that he who would rule must first learn to obey; that he who would teach must first be a pupil; that he who would be a master must first be a servant.”

The entire address was a rich mine of golden information concerning the history of the Craft, the interpretation of its symbolisms and the practical application of Masonic ideals in both individual and community life. It was a masterful presentation of a great subject by a master mind.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence covers 104 pages of the Proceedings, in which fifty-five Grand Jurisdictions, among them Pennsylvania, are fraternally and graciously reviewed.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. WANAMAKER,
Grand High Priest.

Companion O. FRANK HART, Grand Scribe.

H. J. B.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota assembled in the Masonic Hall at Mitchell, Thursday, June 14, 1923, at nine o'clock A. M.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion CHARLES N. BONTECON, assisted by the Grand Officers and Companions present, opened the Grand Chapter in *Ample Form*, prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

June 14 being Flag Day, the United States Colors were presented at the altar, a short address was made by Companion CHARLES L. BROCKAWAY, Grand Scribe, "America" was sung, and small flags distributed to the Companions, who wore them during the day.

A beautiful bunch of peonies was placed on the Grand High Priest's pedestal, accompanied by a note directed to the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., from Mrs. S. J. MOORE and Mrs. S. D. ANDERSON, asking them, as a token in memory of Dr. SAMUEL J. MOORE, Past Grand High Priest of this Chapter, to accept it.

The Grand High Priest very justly arrested the Charter of Scotland Chapter, No. 31, for refusing to obey the order of the Grand High Priest to pay over one-half the fee obtained from candidates they had initiated, residing within the Jurisdiction of St. George's Chapter, No. 47, at Lake Andes, S. D.

The Grand High Priest made forty-four grand visitations during the year, witnessing the work of the new ritual in many of the Chapters, and commending the work where it was deserved.

He very properly concluded his report by recommending that some plan be devised whereby the Grand High Priest can divide the Jurisdiction into Districts, with authority to appoint in each a Deputy with the title of District Deputy Grand High Priest, whose duty shall be to visit Chapters of his District at least once each year, and report to the Grand High Priest.

His recommendation had weight, as the Constitution and By-laws revised at this meeting provides for the appointment of District Deputy Grand High Priests, and defines their duties.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended the action of the Grand High Priest in the matter of Scotland Chapter be approved, and on motion the report was adopted.

The newly installed Grand High Priest, Companion CYRUS B. WARNE, appointed twelve Companions, District Deputy Grand High Priests, to assist him in his labors.

M. E. Companion CYRUS B. WARNE, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Grand Secretary.

E. E., JR.

TENNESSEE, 1923.

The Ninety-fourth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was held in Watkins' Hall, Nashville, beginning on Monday, January 20, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453, at nine A. M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, JOHN WETZLER, and all the Grand Officers occupied their several stations and places. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests and twenty-one Past High Priests honored the Grand Chapter by their presence. There appeared to be no Grand Representative from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania among the number of Grand Representatives published. Eighty-eight Chapters were represented, out of a possible ninety.

After a prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was opened in *Ample Form*, and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest commenced his address. After expressing his thankfulness to the God of our Fathers for the blessing of the past year, he welcomed the Companions to this Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee, and invoked a blessing on their labors.

Like all other Grand Jurisdictions, there was a falling off in the number of exaltations, compared with the last few years. He then admonishes to be careful that only "Good work, true work and square

work'' goes into our Mystic Temple, and *all will be well*.

He heartily commends the good work done by the Grand Lecturer, Companion JAMES H. McCLISTER. His labor and influence had inspired a great interest and caused a general awakening in Capitular Masonry in Tennessee. He would consign a few dormant Chapters to the "potters' field," giving other Chapters an opportunity to do the work they have failed or neglected to do.

In Pennsylvania we have no Grand Lecturer, but in his place we have Chapter Schools of Instruction, which teach the correct work, the difference being that we have to draw the Companions to the School, which is much more difficult than having a Lecturer visit the several Chapters. We lose in not having the benefit of a strong personal appeal of an able, magnetic speaker, but gain in meeting for instruction at more frequent and stated intervals.

M. E. JOHN WETZLER signed five new charters and one duplicate, in place of one destroyed by fire; also, six dispensations for new Chapters, all of which have been doing excellent work, and recommended charters be granted them—all of which must be most encouraging to the Companions of Tennessee.

He paid official visitations to fourteen Chapters, usually accompanied by the Grand Lecturer, when the work in one of the degrees was exemplified.

He held that no High Priest could rule a motion out of order that is in accordance with Masonic law and usage, and that an Excellent High Priest erred in his refusal to allow his Chapter to say whether or not it would defer the payment of a bill.

He recommended that one or more of the degrees of the Rite be exemplified at the Annual Convocations, in place of the Royal Arch, which appears to have monopolized the efforts of the Ritual Committee.

He very sensibly made a recommendation which was adopted:

“That this Grand Chapter provide for a full four-year High School Course at the Widows’ and Orphans’ Home, with domestic training for the girls and manual training for the boys, so that when they reach the age of retirement from the Home, they will be in a position to face the problems of life as they meet them, and make a comfortable living.”

An appropriation of \$1800 per year for this purpose went with the resolution.

He also gratefully acknowledged the assistance of Companion SITH M. CAIN, Grand Secretary, throughout his administration. A good Secretary is a valuable asset to any Masonic body.

The report of the Committee on Rituals occupies two full pages, and shows that the Grand Chapter experiences some difficulty in keeping track of the rituals placed in the hands of subordinate Chapters. Why not adopt the Pennsylvania method of transmitting the work orally, as is done in the Blue

Lodge? It also appears that Tennessee adopted a ritual of its own, and not that of the one adopted by the General Grand Chapter, which appears to us very strange, as Pennsylvania is a great stickler for uniformity in the work, and as Tennessee is a member of that Grand Body, supposed it would have fallen in line.

A most interesting report in the Proceedings of 1923 is that of the Grand Lecturer, in which he recommends the arrest of the charters of two Chapters, and a drastic punishment, for the violation of an order of the Grand Chapter, forbidding the use of rituals during degree work. Grand Chapter placed the two Chapters on probation for a year, and the reading of the ritual was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. A Pennsylvania Royal Arch Mason can hardly realize such a condition as here reported, and it would not be tolerated a moment after the attention of the Grand High Priest was called to it.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved every action of Most Excellent Grand High Priest JOHN WETZLER. They also approved the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer, and recommended that any Companion who is guilty of using rituals in conferring degrees and other Chapter ceremonies be subject to charges and trial, according to the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Their correspondent, writing on the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for 1921, ex-

presses wonder that an amendment to the Constitution was necessary to admit a Past High Priest of another Jurisdiction who is admitted a member of a Pennsylvania Chapter, and has taken the Order of High Priesthood, to become a member of the Grand Chapter, and declares that to his way of thinking he should automatically become a member of the Grand Chapter, and that "Once a High Priest, always a High Priest." Our good Companion should remember that Pennsylvania Masonry is like a description of the great Napoleon, "Grand, Gloomy and Peculiar."

We trust that this initial report of the writer will follow the good work of Companion GEORGE H. BANES, and that Tennessee has received the full measure as is due such an important Jurisdiction.

A portrait of Past Grand High Priest M. E. JOHN WETZLER, and the present Grand High Priest, M. E. CHARLES H. BYRN, graces the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Tennessee.

R. E. SITH M. CAIN, Grand Secretary, Nashville, Tennessee.

E. E., JR.

TEXAS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was opened in its Seventy-third Grand Annual Convocation in *Ample Form*, led in devotion by A. L. McCLELLAN, as Grand Chaplain.

Companion NAT. M. WASHER, San Antonio, represented Pennsylvania at this Convocation.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. JOHN A. ATCHISON, then addressed Grand Chapter on the doings of the year. The introduction was brief but full of thought and good advice. It was an appeal for harmony and good will among the Companions, ending with:

“As grave responsibilities confront us, let us meet them with courage and lose sight of self in the upbuilding of our cause, and may each Companion who has accepted a position of trust and duty, and all who support the efforts of these Companions, try to be—

“Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor, men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue;
And damn his treacherous flatterings without winking;
Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog,
In public duty and in private thinking.”

He then paid tribute to the memory of the dead of the year in a short but carefully worded and beautifully expressed appreciation.

He constituted four new Chapters in person and five by proxy.

Dispensations for two Chapters were granted and they were constituted under dispensation by proxy. He also granted a dispensation to the former members of Livingstone Chapter, No. 295, to resume labor and continue as a regular Chapter until the present meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest also issued orders to the Grand Secretary to issue new charters to Chapters Nos. 233 and 386, both of which appear to have been destroyed by fire, together with other property of the Chapters.

He received numerous applications to permit the Chapters to publicly install their Officers, which was unnecessary, as Article 134 of the Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas gives them all the authority necessary.

This seems strange to the writer, for in Pennsylvania we consider the Chapter Degrees part of Ancient Craft Masonry, and all our work to be done behind tiled doors and in secret.

Many degrees were conferred by courtesy on Companions of other Jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest visited the Aged Masons' Home at Arlington, and was very much pleased at the condition and management. He urges every Mason in Texas to take a personal interest in the Home, and adds he will be the richer for all he may do for it.

He executed eighteen legal documents, and with appointments, decisions, rulings, visitations, etc., was a very busy man, and to all these was added his controversy with the Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter over the institution of a Chapter in the City of Mexico, the General Grand Secretary

complaining that the Grand Chapter of Texas had invaded their District, etc.

Quite a lengthy correspondence followed, some of which was highly seasoned, and finally resulted in the General Grand High Priest, M. E. WILLIAM F. KUHN, issuing an edict forbidding intercourse and fraternal relations with Mexico City Chapter, U. D., by all Royal Arch Masons under Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

A special committee, headed by that veteran, SAM P. COCHRAN, sustained M. E. Grand High Priest JOHN A. ATCHISON in the controversy, and approved of his action, and recommended a permanent charter be granted Mexico City Chapter, No. 255, which, on motion, was granted.

The Proceedings of this Annual Communication was full of interesting items and showed that the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Texas is a live and efficient body.

JAMES A. GARTLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest.

T. M. BARTLEY, R. E. Grand Secretary.

E. E., JR.

UTAH.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah convened in its Twelfth Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, Provo City, on

Wednesday, May 9, 1923, A. I. 2453, at ten o'clock A. M.

M. E. Companion WALTER DANIELS, Grand High Priest, presiding.

All Grand Officers present, four Past Grand High Priests, and fourteen Grand Representatives. Four Chapters were represented.

E. Companion WILLIAM E. BULKLEY, Past High Priest of Provo Chapter, No. 4, extended a very cordial welcome to the Officers and members of Grand Chapter and visiting Companions, and stated that arrangements had been made to have a lunch served at the noon recess; after which the Companions would be driven around the city and to the site of the new steel plant. At the conclusion of the afternoon business session, dinner would be served by the Ladies of the Eastern Star.

M. E. Companion DANIELS accepted the kind invitation and expressed his sincere appreciation, as he knew well from past experience that the Companions and good Sisters of the Eastern Star never failed to entertain their guests in a most royal manner.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Utah, was presented by R. E. Companion W. F. BULKLEY. He was greeted and welcomed by M. E. Companion DANIELS,

who escorted Companion McGEE to the East, where he was tendered the Grand Honors.

M. W. Brother McGEE stated he greatly appreciated the honor of being received as a representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Utah, and extended good wishes and fraternal greetings from that body.

Utah is a large State, and only has six constituted Chapters and two under dispensation, so that they must be widely scattered throughout the State, and to show the difficulties of the Grand High Priest, we quote from his address:

“On April 28th, I had the pleasure of visiting Price Chapter, No. 6, at Price, Utah, the home of our Most Worthy Grand Master and Grand Principle Sojourner. The members of this Chapter are scattered throughout the adjoining mining camps, and at times it is difficult for them to attend the meetings. They are located farthest away from the headquarters of our Grand Chapter, and lack the advantages of assistance to stimulate their interest; but under the guiding hand of our Grand Principle Sojourner, we have confidence that everything is being done to interest material, and promote Capitular Masonry.”

The growth of Utah Chapters is commented on by the Grand High Priest as follows:

“All of our Chapters show a substantial gain except one, which considered it best for the good of Provo Chapter, No. 4, to weed out some who have allowed their interests in the Chapter to die; therefore, the returns from that Chapter show a loss. Our net gain is not as great as that of last year, which is partially due to our great loss by death. We anticipate a greater increase the coming year, as a new systematic plan for securing members has been adopted by most of the Chapters.”

On American Rite Literature, he has this to say:

“Our stock of the pamphlet entitled ‘The Necessity of the Royal Arch Degree to the Master Mason,’ published by the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Missouri, is exhausted, and I recommend that a Committee

be appointed by the incoming Grand High Priest to co-operate with similar Committees from the Council and Grand Commandery, to examine pamphlets published by the Grand Chapters of Washington, California and the General Grand Chapter, herewith submitted, and they be authorized to purchase or have printed something that can be distributed to Master Masons, that will give them an idea of the principles and teachings of Chapter, Council and Commandery degrees.’’

This item is food for thought, and is commended to Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masons.

He concludes his report by saying:

“I have worked in the quarries to the best of my ability, and now present my work for your inspection.”

Total membership, 1084, a gain of forty-three during the year.

The report of the Committee on DeMolay reads:

“We are heartily in accord with this movement and recommend the Grand Chapter endorse it. As the Grand Lodge of Utah has taken active steps to institute the Order in Salt Lake City by the Blue Lodges of the city, we think the field is fully covered in Salt Lake City, but in any of the other cities of the State where the Grand Lodge has not appointed committees, we recommend that the Chapters be instructed to investigate the subject and use their best judgment regarding instituting the Order in their cities.”

Report of Committee on Education:

“The Committee on Masonic Education has done but little that can be reported. It had high ideals and planned great things, but it has had to go slowly in its work. It is desirous of reporting that two talks were given before Utah Chapter on March 14, by Companion Judge MORSE, on ‘Masonry,’ and by Companion FRED D. KEELER on ‘Capitular Masonry,’ and one at Mt. Pleasant by Companion W. F. BULKLEY. The Committee has made some plans for this coming year, but finds it difficult to get others to do the work of preparing talks and lectures.”

MORE KINDNESS.

“More of kindness, less of creeds,
That is what the old world needs.
Friendly handshakes firm and warm,
Never did a bit of harm.
Hearty words of friendliness
Never hurt a man, I guess;
And a smile instead of frown,
Never pushed a fellow down.
Less of talk and more of deeds,
That is what the old world needs.
Less of quarreling over views,
More of lifting other's blues.
Less of patronizing airs,
More of love enlightens cares.
Less of Heaven's why and how,
More of making good RIGHT NOW.”

The Grand Chapter of Utah is doing grand work for Capitular Masonry, and is deserving of all praise and all help from their Companions of Capitular Freemasonry.

M. E. Grand High Priest, WARREN BENJAMIN,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

M. E. Grand Secretary, WALTER DANIELS, Salt
Lake City, Utah.

E. E., JR.

VERMONT.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont convened in Masonic Temple, in the City of Burlington, at nine o'clock A. M. on Friday, the fifteenth day of June, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

The Grand Chapter was opened by M. E. GEORGE F. ROOT, Grand High Priest, in *Ample Form*, with the assistance of the Grand Officers.

It being announced that a distinguished visitor was in waiting, Companion CHRISTIE B. CROWELL, by order of the Grand High Priest, conducted the visitor to the Chapter room and presented M. E. WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States. He was most heartily welcomed and escorted to a seat in the East. Following this reception, Companion CROWELL presented M. E. GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand High Priest of New York, and M. E. ALFRED A. ADAMS, Past Grand High Priest of the same Jurisdiction, and these two eminent Companions were welcomed to seats in the East.

Eight Past Grand High Priests honored this meeting by their presence.

The opening of the address of Grand High Priest M. E. GEORGE F. ROOT was a gem, *viz.*:

“To the Grand Chapter of Vermont now in session:

“As our ancient Brethren assembled from all parts of the country to dedicate their temple and lay upon the altar their burnt offerings, so are we, descendants of those Companions, here assembled for the one hundred and sixth time to re-dedicate ourselves to Masonry and the service of our fellowmen.

“While we have wrought in the quarries for the past year, and from time to time brought up our work for inspection, has this been good work, true work and just such work as was needed for the building of our especial temple? As time goes on and we add stone upon stone are we careful that every piece is perfect, for one small blemish will mar the beauty of this edifice, or some imperfect action is liable to bring the

whole structure tumbling to the ground? It, therefore, behooves us to look well to our daily work, that when the summons comes and we lay aside our working tools our Companions can truly say, there is a piece of work that will live for ages. Let us not see how fast but rather how well we can build.”

He reported that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the entire Jurisdiction of Vermont.

He concludes as follows:

“And now, Companions, the business of the One Hundred and Sixth Annual Convocation awaits you, but first let us pause a moment and consider the Patriarchs of Capitular Masonry who have made it possible for us to meet today in peace and harmony. Their names are too numerous for individual mention. Many of them are known to us here present only by their works. Year by year the Grand High Priest above calls one and another of our Illustrious Companions.

“With the eye of memory you can see HASWELL, TUCKER, HALL, HASKINS, PERKINS, TYLER, CALDERWOOD, WHIPPLE, WESTON and many other stalwart figures of Masonry. They are no longer with us in person, but what they were, the lives they lived in their several communities and what they did for Masonry have been preserved through the history of the several towns and the State and the records of Masonry for the past hundred years. They were grand examples of a true Mason, and they not only taught Masonry but lived Masonry.

“Let us in our deliberations think of the future, as well as the present and carefully inspect each piece of work that is added to the Capitular Temple of Masonry in Vermont, and see that it is square and perfect in every particular, that it may correspond with the work already laid and be an added inspiration to those who follow us.”

The Grand Lecturer, commenting on the work of Subordinate Chapters, said:

“The work was exemplified in a very creditable manner in most of the meetings, the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees being the ones selected, and a detailed account will be found in the reports of the several Deputies. The ritual was carried out with a much-to-be-desired accuracy, but we wish the spirit could be entered into a little more earnestly. This comes only with the thorough understanding of the import of Capitular teachings, a constant rendition of the work and an endeavor to feel the

part to be portrayed; on the whole, however, the work in the several Chapters is of a very satisfactory character, and we note particularly the awakened interest in the Chapter of Bristol.”

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers reported:

“Conforming to custom and usage the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers have considered the practical terse and comprehensive address of the Grand High Priest and find it worthy and in line of our best traditions. Not only does it show keenness and scope of the issues and subjects involved, but an insight and vision as to their practical solution. We mourn with him at the passing of the tried and true, knowing the sentiment looking for proper action of the Committee on Necrology, rejoicing over and appreciate the courtesies extended to him, approve his appointments, heartily endorse his attitude and action concerning the Grand Chapter of Texas, and refer same to Committee on Jurisprudence.”

The District Deputy Grand High Priests of Districts Nos. 3, 7 and 8 made interesting reports of Capitular Masonry in their several Districts.

A. S. H. reviews Pennsylvania, devoting nearly three pages, which quotes Past Grand High Priest JOSEPH E. QUINBY quite freely.

For the benefit of A. S. H., would say the writer of this review did not receive his appointment in time to comment on the doings of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, and have it printed in the Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in 1922.

M. E. ALLEN D. BALL, Grand High Priest, Ludlow.

R. E. HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Secretary, Burlington.

E. E., JR.

VICTORIA.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria held a Convocation at Freemasons' Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, July 19, 1922.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample, Ancient and Solemn Form*, at 8.15 P. M.; also, Wednesday, October 18, 1922; also, Wednesday, January 17, 1923, and Wednesday, April 18, 1923.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM PLAYER BICE, Grand Z., presided at each Convocation.

The Grand Z. had a strenuous year, with consecrations of new Chapters, installation of Officers in subordinate Chapters—both country and metropolitan—official visits, presiding over the Quarterly Convocations, and correspondence.

They established Representatives in the Grand Chapters of Colorado, Michigan, District of Columbia, North Dakota, Quebec, Missouri, Tennessee, Maryland, etc.

At the conclusion of routine business an address was delivered by the Third Grand Principal, R. E. Companion W. A. WHITEHEAD, who was the only representative of the country press of Australia on the delegation of pressmen which visited America, France and Britain during the Great War.

The limited time at his disposal prevented the speaker from giving any details of the amazing war effort of which the pressmen had had evidence throughout Great Britain, but he gave an entertaining and instructive account of the journey to England, via the United States of America. He spoke of the hospitality showered upon them during their stay in America, and of the scenic beauties en route, and gave interesting details regarding some of the great American industries. He warmly praised the manner in which the Americans ruled in Samoa, the wisdom of their system being evidenced in the remarkable and growing prosperity of the natives.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM P. BICE must have been a most popular official, as the following extract from the Proceedings will show:

“Presentation to M. E. Companion WILLIAM P. BICE, P. G. Z.

“M. E. Companion CALLAWAY thanked the Companions for having placed him in the position of First Grand Principal, an office of great responsibilities and strenuous endeavor. However, he hoped that, with the assistance which he had been promised by the Past First Grand Principals, he would be able to maintain the prestige of the Degree. He was delighted that his first official duty was to make a presentation to M. E. Companion WILLIAM P. BICE, the retiring First Grand Principal, with whom he had been long associated in various Masonic activities. Companion BICE might truly be said to have made Masonry his hobby. To it he had devoted much ability and a great amount of time and energy. The contributions to these presentations had been strictly limited to P. G. Z.’s and to those Companions who had held active office in Grand Chapter during the five years of Companion BICE’S rule, and it was on their behalf that he now asked M. E. Companion BICE to accept a P. G. Z.’s neck jewel for himself and the silver rose bowl for Mrs. BICE, both articles being suitably inscribed. He trusted that Companion BICE would be spared for many years to continue his active work in the cause of Freemasonry.

“M. E. Companion PHILLIP COHEN, P. G. Z., said that, as one of the old school of Past First Grand Principals, he wished to support what had been said by the First Grand Principal in making the presentation. He (Companion COHEN) had known M. E. Companion BICE probably longer than any other member of the Grand Chapter, and could say that he was a man, a Freemason, and one of Nature’s gentlemen, kindly, and agreeable, living (as he would die) a true man and a good Freemason. The great work he had done in Freemasonry would stand as a monument of his ability and integrity.

“M. E. Companion BICE, in acknowledging the presentations, said that he found it a very trying moment, and felt that he did not deserve the high praise which had been bestowed upon him. He had occupied many responsible positions in the various branches of Freemasonry, and deeply appreciated the kindness he had received and the unfailing support that had been given him on all occasions. He had been honored above his deserts, but had always tried to do his best. Sometimes of late he had felt the severe strain of his many duties, and would have to take things a little easier; but he hoped to continue useful to Freemasonry, and especially to this Supreme Degree. He was much touched by this further evidence of the friendship of the Companions associated with him in office during the past five years, and he wished to thank them also on behalf of Mrs. BICE, who would be sure to see that the beautiful rose bowl was kept well supplied with the blooms for which it was intended.”

R. E. Companion WILLIAM ALFRED CALLAWAY,
Grand Z.

R. E. Companion G. L. MARQUAND, Grand Scribe
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E. E., JR.

VIRGINIA.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia convened in Masonic Temple, in the City of Richmond, Va., Tuesday evening, October 24, A. L. 5922, A. I. 2452, A. D. 1922, at eight

o'clock, when, after prayer by Companion F. T. McFADDEN, D. D., Grand Chaplain, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in *Solemn Form* by M. Ex. Grand High Priest WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

Companion R. M. FERGUSON represented Pennsylvania at this Convocation.

The distinguished visitors were Companion LEONIDAS P. NEWBY, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America; Companion CHESTER A. GWINN, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Virginia; Companion JAMES H. PRICE, Most Excellent Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. Each of these distinguished Companions addressed the Grand Chapter in well chosen and instructive words.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address was a model of neatness and brevity, and fully covered the doings of the Grand Chapter for the Masonic year.

The report on the Grand High Priest's address was read by Most Excellent R. M. FERGUSON, *viz.*:

"Your Committee congratulates the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia that it elected to office one year ago a man who has had the time, the inclination and the opportunity to devote to Royal Arch Masonry sufficient time to be able to visit a majority of the subordinate Chapters in the State of Virginia. Your Grand High Priest, between February, 1922, and the meeting of this Grand Chapter, has officially visited thirty-nine Chapters. We believe this establishes a record, with the possible exception of M. E. Companion COCHRAN who, while Grand High Priest, was also Grand Lecturer, and, therefore, had occasion to visit practically all of

the Chapters. While your Committee hopes that future Grand High Priests may emulate the example of M. E. Companion CHAPMAN, we fear that he has established a record which will seldom be equalled, if ever excelled."

A short report on Pennsylvania for the year 1921 was printed in their Proceedings.

Most Excellent JAMES C. GREENLAY, Grand High Priest, Lynchburg.

Right Excellent J. GUS HANKINS, Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 542, Richmond.

E. E., JR.

WASHINGTON.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington convened in Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Tacoma, Washington, on Monday, May 7, 1923, and was called to order by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, WILLIAM O. NICHOLSON, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, assisted by the proper Officers, opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington in *Ample Form*, after being led in prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain, Rev. D. D. DICK.

Companion GEORGE LAWLER, Excellent High Priest of Tacoma Chapter, No. 4, extended a very cordial welcome to the members of Grand Chapter.

It was a remarkable address in many ways, and fixed the responsibility of the Grand Chapter for Capitular Masonry in the State of Washington. Among other things he said:

“This Grand Chapter has the opportunity to be great. It has the great privilege of getting close to the hearts of its members. Its influence for right and against the wrong is a great power to be exercised with all the force of its organization. It will rise to its full stature or fall below the standards it could attain, in proportion to the courage and desire of its members. The individual is the unit. You and I are the ones who must ‘carry on’ if this Grand Chapter is to fulfill the destiny open for it. May each have the ‘will to help and the courage to do.’

“Too often it is the case, in the rush to conclude business in the Grand bodies, to send the representatives of Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies home without one word of inspiration, without some lesson taught, without a single idea advanced that would be helpful and could be taken home to benefit the subordinate bodies in their work. The spiritual seems to be forgotten or neglected, and the material, only, considered ‘worth while.’ ”

The Grand High Priest, in his address, among other things said:

“Our system of inspections, though seemingly a good one, does not produce satisfactory results. It may be the fault of the system or the Companion appointed to conduct the inspections. Too often it is regarded as simply a social visit to the Chapter, without expecting to assist its members with criticism and advice. We need instructors more than inspectors. If the present system does not produce proper results let us change it to one which will. It is apparent some of the smaller Chapters need more attention than they have been receiving, and it is up to the Grand Chapter to adopt some way of assisting them. It deserves serious consideration, and I recommend the appointment of a special committee to present a plan for more efficient supervision especially of the smaller Chapters.”

It seems to the writer that the Pennsylvania system of locating schools for oral transmission of the ritual of Capitular Masonry is better than the sys-

tem of inspection. It makes the D. D. G. H. P. directly responsible for a correct rendition of the work in his District, and the Deputy can give monthly attention to his Chapters, instead of yearly.

The Grand High Priest gives considerable space in his address to the University Masonic Service Association.

The objects of the Association are to look after and promote, by all ways and means possible, the welfare and happiness of Masons, or the wives, widows, sons and daughters of Masons attending the University, and to help and co-operate with Masons related to or interested in them.

If it is a good thing for the Masons of Tacoma and the State of Washington to look after their own, why would it not be for every large educational centre, and in our State the cities of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Bellefonte and Meadville. Thousands of young men are in attendance at colleges located there, at an impressionable age, and the turning point where they will make good or bad men, good or bad citizens, just as directed.

The Grand High Priest personally approved of the movement, but did not believe he had the authority to endorse it, as Grand High Priest.

Plurality of teams occupy two pages of the Proceedings.

At this session of Grand Chapter, P. G. H. P. WILLIAM G. ROWLAND telegraphed Rev. JOHN C. KIRKMAN, Grand Chaplain of Grand Chapter, who was ill at his home in Spokane, their sympathy and prayer for his recovery.

The following response was received:

“Thanks for deep sympathy. I have stood on the bank of the majestic Columbia and watched the last rays of the setting sun on the summit of Mt. Adams when the last fold of gloom had fallen upon all below. Far, far up upon its spotless crest amid the eternal purity of its perpetual snows the last trembling glance of the day rested like an aurora of fire lingered for a moment as if to send the last quivering ray of its benediction into the sleeping canyons beneath, then gently lifted its golden rim as if the hand of omnipotence had condescended to close the coronation of the hour. So be your life the higher eminence of love to God and man that when you enter the valley of the shadow of death, eyes of eternity may behold it crowned with the approving smile of Him whose ‘well done, good and faithful servant,’ shall be forever the glory of the redeemed fraternity.”

Could anything be more beautiful in the English language than this reply?

When the reception of Grand Representatives was held, Companion FRANK McCANDLESS answered for Pennsylvania.

Excellent Companion JOHN GEORGE HEINZ, Grand Orator, delivered an address, which, on motion, was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings.

The address occupies over four pages, closely printed matter. We would like to print it in its entirety, but content ourselves by printing a single paragraph which is a sermon on Freemasonry in itself:

“It is my intention to deal with Masonry in a general way, and yet at the same time with particular application to the Royal Arch Chapter. Masonry is an ancient institution, and its teachings cannot be classed with the commonplace. The truths expressed in Masonry form the greatest system of ethics and morals outside the Church of Christ. And, unlike many ethical codes formulated by sages and philosophers of old, it gives true recognition to the God of the Universe. Every Royal Arch Mason knows that Masonry holds Deity in such high esteem and reverence that it enjoins upon its membership never to take the Holy Name in vain. From this love and reverence for God spring the teachings of what constitutes the right treatment of our fellow, every man to be regarded so much a Brother that he will experience no injustice or unfair dealings at the hands of a Mason. This would not only make men better, but would maintain the real dignity and integrity of the Order, and accomplish in the highest sense its true mission.”

It was a great effort on a great subject, and worthy of more extended distribution among the Craft.

In the annual review, Pennsylvania was accorded a full page. The reason Washington was not reviewed is that the writer received his appointment too late for last year's report, and this is his maiden effort.

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Washington was full and complete, and one of the most interesting assignments.

Present membership, 7781. Net gain, 560.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, CAREY SCOTT HAYNES.

Right Excellent Grand Secretary, HENRY LAWRENCE KENNAN.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, assisted by the proper Officers, then closed the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington in *Ample Form*, solemn prayer being offered by Rev. D. D. DICK, Acting Grand Chaplain.

E. E., JR.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1922.

The Fifty-second Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Fairmont, on Monday and Tuesday evenings, the thirteenth and fourteenth days of November, 1922, A. I. 2452, and opened in *Ample Form* at 7.30 o'clock.

All the Grand Officers were present, and occupied their respective stations and places; thirteen Past Grand High Priests, Committees on Foreign Correspondence, Committees on Work and thirty-one Chapters were represented by their Officers or representatives.

The Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of Most Excellent Companion WILLIAM F. KUHN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; M. E. JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Media, Pa., Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, and M. E. JOHN M. CORE, Uniontown, Pa., Grand King of Pennsylvania, who were duly wel-

comed by Grand High Priest, with the customary honors.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. WILLIAM E. KRUPP'S, address was a model in its way, and worthy of being reprinted in full. His opening plea was "unity of concord," and that all "labor together in peace and harmony." We quote:

"It is not so much what one individual may have done, but rather what has been accomplished through united effort. *Each and every* stone in the Temple of *our* building must be in its proper place and perform its allotted task, that the superstructure reared upon the foundations of Truth and Love may withstand the ruthless tooth of Time and appear, resplendent and glorious, among the manifold works of His creating. Thus may there be established in truth that Temple whose maker and builder is God."

His Necrology report is a strong document, and raps hard the transmigration of souls. One short sentence ends the first paragraph:

"Eternal life is, it never ceases or ceased to be."

The Grand High Priest visited the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and Delaware at their annual Convocations during the year, and expressed much pleasure in so doing.

The Grand High Priest represented West Virginia at a meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association, at the meeting held in the Old Lodge Room of Alexandria. At this meeting, plans of the Memorial Building were submitted and approved, and its construction directed to begin.

Like most Grand Jurisdictions reviewed, the report showed a falling off of petitions during the year, net increase being six hundred and fifty, against one thousand last year.

He arrested one charter for incomplete records.

He issued one charter in accordance with the direction of his Grand Chapter.

Three pages of his report are devoted to the condition arising from the Chapters conferring the Council Degrees. It principally affects Royal Arch Masons from other Jurisdictions, wishing to visit or affiliate with the Chapters of West Virginia. There are other complications arising from this custom, which is inherited from the old State of Virginia, and is similar in effect as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania conferring the fifth Degree in our Blue Lodges.

By resolution, a Committee on Necrology was created, uniform receipt cards adopted.

The year must have been a pleasant one for the retiring Grand High Priest, as the Craft prospered under his administration, and no unpleasant incidents arose.

Companion JOHN C. WALLACE, New Castle, Pa., represented West Virginia in Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companion B. A. CARUTHERS, Charleston, W. Va., represents Pennsylvania in the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

Total membership, 1922, 10,982; increase, 598.

M. E. PARIS P. LESTER, Grand High Priest.

R. E. GEORGE M. FORD, Grand Secretary.

E. E., JR.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin assembled in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Milwaukee, on Tuesday afternoon, February 20, 1923, for the purpose of holding their Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM F. OWEN, opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M. All Grand Chapter Officers, sixteen Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of one hundred and six warranted Chapters and of three Chapters under dispensation, were present.

The Grand High Priest then read his report. In his address of welcome, he says:

"I add the hope that you will find much to interest you, and that you may return to your local Chapters with renewed zeal and increased enthusiasm for our great Order and its work."

This is the keynote of what might be accomplished in the meetings of the different Grand Bodies of the Masonic Fraternity, *sending the Representatives home full of enthusiasm*, but which is so seldom done. A little forethought and work on the part of the Officers, in arranging the order of business and the introduction of able speakers on some part of the work, symbols, history or intent of the Fraternity, would work wonders, and they would go home really filled with enthusiasm.

He reported that the Craft, as a whole, in this Grand Jurisdiction, was in a prosperous and healthy condition, although the increase of membership was not so great as in the three years immediately preceding.

The Grand High Priest states truly, "It is necessary that the lesson of searching for truth and treasure be thoroughly learned by new members, and until they do, they are of little strength or profit to the Chapter," and this statement is applicable to every branch of Freemasonry at this time.

Three Chapters were constituted during the year, *viz.*, Nos. 104, 105 and 106.

A number of dispensations were granted and a number of decisions made, most of which could have been answered, as the Grand High Priest states, by reference to the Constitution and published edicts.

The old question of jurisdiction again was raised to trouble the Grand High Priest.

All the Chapters save one were visited by the Grand Lecturer, this by order of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest gives two and one-half pages to his report of the DeMolay movement last year; the Grand Chapter appropriated \$1500 to promote the movement, and this year he recommends \$3000 additional be appropriated.

He thinks the policy should be to advance money for the equipment absolutely necessary, but let the boys understand that it is a loan, and that they will be expected to repay it some time. Let them get the idea of ownership and independence.

He deplores the extravagance of some of the Chapters in furnishing outfits for the boys, saying that the DeMolay Chapters can never hope to repay it.

He appointed Companion P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of Scranton, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin near Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

His concluding remarks, which we quote in full, are most appropriate, as to the general condition of the Craft, and worthy of thoughtful consideration.

“Too many men are Royal Arch Masons in name, who have little or no conception of the fundamental principles upon which the structure rests. They are not wholly to be blamed. Too many Chapters consider their full duty done when the last degree is conferred and the fee collected. In fact, its duty is only well begun.

“Instead of allowing the new Companion or Brother to go down the steps of the Lodge room after the degree is conferred to pursue his own way, it is the duty of the Chapter to see that he fully understands the lessons sought to be conveyed and their relation to his daily life.

“If the member attends the meetings regularly and hears the lectures propounded time after time, he will, of course, get something from them, but many of them do not attend meetings, after they have once received the degree, and they go forth knowing nothing of the aims of the Order or the spiritual and moral assistance to be gained from a knowledge thereof.

“To correct this evil is a greater gain than the conferring of many degrees. I do not know just how it is to be done.

“I have suggested to some of the Chapters the plan of setting apart a meeting occasionally for the express purpose of taking up the different degrees and having them discussed and the lessons brought out. There is in every Chapter some Companion capable of leading in this work.

“I have suggested that this was a fruitful field of work for the Past High Priests. It is almost inconceivable that men of the intelligence of Royal Arch Masons could go through the chairs up to and including High Priest without imbibing some of the lessons of wisdom contained in the degrees.”

M. E. Companion WILLIAM R. GRAVES, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary.

E. E., JR.

WYOMING.

The Grand Chapter of Wyoming, Royal Arch Masons, met in Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, Sheridan, Wyoming, on Thursday, July 12, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453, at nine o'clock A. M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, FRANK E. HEPNER, with the assistance of the Companions present,

opened the Grand Chapter in *Ample Form*, the Grand Chaplain leading the Companions in their devotions.

The distinguished visitors at this Convocation were M. E. Companion WILLIAM FREDERICK KUHN, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America; R. E. Sir FRED W. RENDLE, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wyoming.

The following question was asked of the Grand High Priest:

“A Companion holding membership in Chapter A, but residing in the jurisdiction of Chapter B, considers himself unable to pass an examination for the purpose of visitation. Can Chapter B, upon request of Chapter A, instruct him so that he may visit?”

“Answer: Yes, if proper precautions be taken to establish, beyond any doubt, the identity of the Companion. However, since the object of the examination is to convince the Committee that the prospective visitor is a Royal Arch Mason, in good standing, and therefore entitled to visit, it is my opinion that under the circumstances, if identification were positively established, the certification of the Secretary of Chapter A as to the good standing of the Companion would suffice.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence sustained this decision.

The Grand High Priest commends the use of lantern slides in the Royal Arch Degree, stating it made the ceremony more impressive.

He made many official visits throughout the State, and everywhere received a most cordial welcome. His description of the hospitality extended to him

makes one wish to be a Grand High Priest to enjoy a like experience.

His report was exhaustive, very readable and instructive as well, and his administration will be a benefit to Capitular Masonry in his Grand Jurisdiction.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was a most beautiful expression of the thoughts that should dominate a committee of this character—calm sorrow for the dead, an abiding hope for the eternal future, and a human sympathy for those who still remain within the walls of this earthly tabernacle.

The writer can think of no better way to convey to the readers of these Proceedings than by copying the report of the address of the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Doctor FREDERICK F. KUHN:

“In the course of the learned doctor’s address, he explained as to a class, with wonderful lucidity and clearness, matters pertaining to the Ark, the proper reading of certain inscriptions, with other interesting information regarding which detailed reference cannot be made on the printed page.

“While commending exactitude in ritual, his remarks were replete with humor regarding too exact ritualistic work, and he gave more weight and emphasis to the importance of conveying at all times the correct Masonic idea and impression to the candidate, rather than the mere letter of the ritual. He advocated strongly a practical Masonry and noted with pleasure and satisfaction a wonderful improvement in Masonry in its development along these lines, and breaking loose from a mere system of signs, grips and words. He also referred to a hopeful and gratifying tendency all over the United States towards the improvement of Royal Arch Masonry and its development as constituting a dignified and solemn ceremony. He strongly deprecated the introduction into Chapter work of anything of the nature of jest foreign to the spirit of, and had no

place in Freemasonry, the ceremonies of which should be at all times as solemn and impressive as church ceremonies.

“The most important things in life, he said, are the serious ones, and today men want to think more, and it is always most desirable to do work impressively and well and with due decorum in the Chapter. If degree work were always performed in this manner, we would not hear any more about a dearth of candidates, or preferences being expressed for some other branch of Freemasonry.

“He strongly recommended that October 29 (or a later date if more convenient), be observed as a Capitular Day in all the Grand Chapters, on which the Most Excellent Master or Royal Arch Degree be exemplified upon a large class of candidates at joint Convocations of several Chapters, at District Convocations, or, if more convenient, by individual Chapters, as an efficient method of bringing together many Royal Arch Masons, many candidates, and of furthering and advancing the great cause of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the entire United States.

“No Companion could listen to his inspiring words and strong and impressive plea for the building up of more intelligent and dignified Freemasonry and bear his eloquent presentation of the same, without feeling edified and built up as a better man and Mason, nor could he find a clearer and better exposition of the search for the Master’s word and the Living Truth, inspiring to purer and more unselfish motives and manner of thinking and living among his fellow men.”

Pennsylvania was accorded a page and a half, and renewed the work of the then M. E. Grand High Priest, JOSEPH E. QUINBY.

Companion MARION A. KLINE represents Pennsylvania in the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Total membership, 1980; net gain, 122.

Companion HUDSON W. DARRAH, M. E. Grand High Priest, Cody, Wyoming.

Companion RICHARD H. REPATH, R. E. Grand Secretary, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

E. E., JR.

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YEAR	FIRST GRAND CHIEF	SECOND GRAND CHIEF	THIRD GRAND CHIEF	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1795	William Ball	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBarbier Duplessis
1796	William M. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1797	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"	"
1798	"	"	"	"	"
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1825	Michael Nisbet	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer	Nathan R. Potts
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	"	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	"	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	"
1833	"	"	"	"	John M. Read
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	"
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	"
1837	"	"	"	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1838	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1842	"	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1843	William Whitney	William Barger	John G. Russell	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1844	"	"	John W. McGrath	"	"
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	"	"
1851	"	"	"	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	Robert Frazer	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	Ant. Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1859	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"
1860	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1861	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1862	"	"	"	"	"
1863	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1864	"	"	"	"	"
1865	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1866	"	"	"	"	"
1867	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	John Thomson
1868	"	"	"	"	"
1869	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1870	"	"	"	"	"
1871	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1872	"	"	"	"	"
1873	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1874	"	"	"	"	"
1875	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	"	"
1876	Alfred R. Potter	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1877	"	"	"	"	"
1878	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1879	"	"	"	"	"
1880	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1881	"	"	"	"	"
1882	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	"	"
1883	"	"	"	"	"
1884	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1885	"	"	"	"	"
1886	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	"	"
1887	"	"	"	"	"
1888	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	"	"
1889	"	"	"	"	"
1890	"	"	"	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1891	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1892	"	"	"	"	"
1893	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	"	Charles Cary
1894	"	"	"	"	"
1895	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	"	"
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	"	"
1898	"	"	"	"	"
1899	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	"	"
1904	"	"	"	"	"
1905	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	"	"
1906	"	"	"	"	"
1907	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	"	"
1908	"	"	"	Edward B. Spencer	"
1909	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	"	"
1910	"	"	"	"	"
1911	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	"	"
1912	"	"	"	"	"
1913	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	Samuel Laughlin	"	"
1914	"	"	"	"	"
1915	Porter W. Lowry	Thomas McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	"	Stockton Bates
1916	"	"	"	"	"
1917	Thomas McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	Joseph E. Quinby	"	George B. Wells
1918	"	"	"	"	"
1919	David J. Davis	Joseph E. Quinby	John M. Core	Thomas McConnell, Jr.	"
1920	"	"	"	"	"
1921	Joseph E. Quinby	John M. Core	George P. Darrow	"	"
1922	"	"	"	"	"
1923	John M. Core,	George P. Darrow,	Walton K. Swetland,	"	"

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ITS CHAPTERS, PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING, AND SECRETARIES.

No.	NAME	CONSTITUTED IN	PLACE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SECRETARY
3	Jerusalem	1758	Philadelphia	Third Monday	Charles S. Wood, Philadelphia
21	Perseverance	1827	Harrisburg	First Monday	N. Frank Matter, Harrisburg
43		1826	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Milton E. Gingrich, Lancaster
52	Harmony	1794	Philadelphia	First Friday	Robert J. Spratt, Philadelphia
91	Columbia	1822	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	Victor L. Clark, Philadelphia
150	Washington	1827	Washington	First Thursday	Wm. Bowland Ritchie, Washington
152	Reading	1827	Reading	Second Monday	Edward W. Roderick, Reading
159	Schuylkill	1838	Minersville	Third Thursday	Robert H. Gilgore, Minersville
161	Union	1845	Towanda	Second Wednesday	John W. Coddington, Towanda
162	Zerubbabel	1836	Pittsburgh	First Tuesday	Samuel R. Caskey, Pittsburgh
163	La Fayette	1848	Lock Haven	Third Thursday	Charles L. Keister, Lock Haven
164	Brownsville	1849	Brownsville	Second Tuesday	William S. Conwell, Brownsville
165	Union	1849	Uniontown	Second Thursday	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown
166	Mt. Moriah	1849	Holidaysburg	Third Tuesday	William Brenneman, Holidaysburg
167	Eureka	1849	Rochester	Second Friday	James W. Doncaster, Rochester
169	Philadelphia	1850	Philadelphia	Second Wednesday	John M. Zook, Philadelphia
170	Delta	1851	New Castle	First Tuesday	Edwin C. McComb, New Castle
171	St. John's	1852	Carlisle	First Thursday	Thomas M. Sener, Carlisle
172	Temple	1853	Tunkhannock	Second Monday	Fred M. Brown, Tunkhannock
173	Easton	1853	Easton	Second Thursday	Edward B. Arndt, Easton
174	Northumberland ..	1853	Sunbury	Third Tuesday	Charles W. Clement, Sunbury
175	Keystone	1853	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia
176	George Washington	1854	Chambersburg ..	Third Monday	Arthur W. Gillan, Chambersburg
177	Tamaqua	1854	Tamaqua	First Friday	Alex. L. Oliver, Tamaqua
178	Catawissa	1855	Catawissa	Second Wednesday	Luther B. Kline, Catawissa
179	Eureka	1855	Carbondale	Second Wednesday	Horace G. Likely, Carbondale
180	Warren	1854	Montrose	Wednesday after full moon ..	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose
181	Lilly	1855	Mauch Chunk	Third Tuesday	J. Martin Ross, Mauch Chunk

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182	Shekinah	1856	Wilkes-Barre	Third Monday	Allan C. Brooks, Wilkes-Barre
183	Oriental	1856	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	George H. Banes, Philadelphia
185	Lackawanna	1856	Scranton	Second Tuesday	Jacob A. Frantz, Scranton
186	Lewistown	1856	Lewistown	Third Tuesday	Joseph S. Waream, Lewistown
187	Oriental	1856	Conneautville	Third Friday	Frank T. Young, Conneautville
189	Mountain	1858	Altoona	First Thursday	Joseph M. Howe, Altoona
190	Norristown	1858	Norristown	Second Monday	H. Walton Wood, Norristown
191	Solomon	1858	Meadville	Second Tuesday	Walter C. Green, Meadville
192	Urania	1859	Greensburg	Thursday after third Tuesday..	Weber A. Arter, Greensburg
193	Duquesne	1859	Pittsburgh	Second Friday	Harry J. Weimar, Pittsburgh
194	Tioga	1859	Wellsboro	Second Tuesday	Henry E. Raesly, Wellsboro
195	Portage	1859	Johnstown	Third Tuesday	Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown
196	Mountain City	1859	Pottsville	Second Monday	Harry E. Greager, Pottsville
197	Weidle	1860	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	William Winfred Walter, Lebanon
198	Phenix	1861	Phenixville	Second Saturday	Edwin H. McAllister, Phenixville
199	Howell	1864	York	Second Wed. after first Monday	Claude S. Wolfe, York
200	Columbus	1865	Corry	Second Tuesday	Perrie G. Wood, Corry
201	Standing Stone ..	1865	Huntingdon	Third Monday	William L. Johnston, Huntingdon
202	Howell	1866	West Chester	Second Monday	John A. Baker, Pocopson
203	Allen	1866	Allentown	First Monday	Robert Campbell, Allentown
204	Anthony Wayne ..	1866	Honesdale	Second Thursday	Edward A. Lindsay, Honesdale
205	Factoryville	1866	Factoryville	Second Wednesday	Fred M. Francis, Dalton
206	Harmony	1866	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	Harry F. Hawkins, Beaver Falls
207	Aaron	1866	Titusville	Third Friday	Victor Bucher, Pleasantville
208	Germanatown	1866	Germanatown, Phila.	Third Monday	E. R. Stevens, Germantown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1866	Mechanicsburg ..	Second Monday	Samuel E. Basehore, Mechanicsburg
210	Great Bend	1866	Great Bend	Second Thursday	Frederic C. Day, Hallstead
211	Venango	1866	Franklin	Second Friday	F. Chester Moyer, Franklin
212	Mound	1866	Greenville	Fourth Monday	Frank D. Pressler, Greenville
214	Valley	1867	Plymouth	Fourth Friday	Arthur Davenport, Dorranceton
215	Temple	1867	Erie	Second Friday	Justin P. Slocum, Erie
216	Zinzendorf	1867	Bethlehem	Second Tuesday	James R. Schmid, Bethlehem

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217	Allegheny	1868	Pittsburgh, N. S.	First Friday	Harvey P. Wylie, Pittsburgh
218	Bloomsburg	1868	Bloomsburg	First Thursday	Albert Rhodomayer, Bloomsburg
219	Griscom	1868	Ashland	Third Thursday	Augustus B. Schadel, Ashland
220	Fort Washington..	1868	Fort Washington..	Fourth Thursday	John K. Earnest, Ambler
221	Tremont	1869	Tremont	First Wednesday	Henry H. Otto, Tremont
222	Lycoming	1869	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport
223	Oxford	1869	Oxford	Second Wednesday	Alfred M. Wilson, Oxford
224	Corinthian	1869	Columbia	Second Tuesday	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia
225	Jefferson	1869	Brookville	Third Tuesday	William A. Kelly, Brookville
226	Siloam	1869	Frankford, Phila..	Third Wednesday	Frank W. G. Mitchell, Phila.
227	Emporium	1870	Emporium	Third Tuesday	James L. Summerson, Emporium
228	Clearfield	1870	Clearfield	Third Friday	Frank Urey, Clearfield
230	Elk	1870	Ridgway	Third Tuesday	William Patterson, Ridgway
232	St. John	1871	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Robert A. Smith, Philadelphia
233	Kensington	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Wednesday	Harry H. Brown, Philadelphia
234	Media	1871	Media	Fourth Monday	J. Harrison Campbell, Media
235	Occidental	1871	Warren	Second Monday	Harry F. Cogswell, Warren
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City	First Monday	Wm. L. Koch, Oil City
237	Excelsior	1871	Reading	Second Friday	William F. Kinch, Reading
238	Newport	1872	Newport	First Monday	Joshua S. Whitmore, Newport
239	Danville	1872	Danville	First Monday	Bruce A. McCracken, Danville
240	Palestine	1872	Philadelphia	Second Friday	Henry S. Hazlett, Philadelphia
241	Bellefonte	1872	Bellefonte	First Friday	William B. Rankin, Bellefonte
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	Second Thursday	Louis P. Bierly, Pittston
243	T. B. Freeman ..	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia
244	Norman	1873	Sharon	Second Friday	George H. Allen, Sharon
245	Abington	1873	Jenkintown	Fourth Tuesday	John C. Fithian, Jenkintown
246	Warrior Run ...	1874	Watsonstown	Second Tuesday	Ward W. Welsh, Watsonstown
247	Orient	1874	Kittanning	Second Monday	William E. McGarvey, Kittanning
248	Temple	1874	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia
249	Monongahela	1874	Monongahela	Third Thursday	Thomas C. Farquhar, Monongahela
250	Corinthian	1874	Philadelphia	First Monday	Samuel Sigler, Philadelphia

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251	Signet	1874	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	Charles W. Kaiser, Philadelphia
252	Mizpah	1875	Mahanoy City ...	Second Thursday	Edward F. Snyder, Mahanoy City
254	Arnold	1877	Port Allegany ...	Second Tuesday	J. William Johnson, Wrights
255	Bedford	1876	Bedford	Third Thursday	Daniel W. Beam, Bedford
256	University	1877	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	J. Milton Lutz, Up. Darby Br., Phila
257	Shiloh	1877	Pittsburgh	Third Monday	George W. Robitzer, Wilkinsburg
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Second Tuesday	Wesley R. Morgan, Chester
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday	Samuel F. Brush, Clarion
260	Bradford	1880	Bradford	Third Thursday	Joseph A. Grow, Bradford
261	Troy	1882	Troy	First Tuesday.....	Benj. S. Greene, Troy, Bradford Co.
262	Montgomery	1882	Ardmore	Third Thursday	Clarence H. Handwork, Haverford
263	Coudersport	1882	Coudersport	First Wednesday	Harry W. Nelson, Coudersport
264	Shamokin	1883	Shamokin	Second Wednesday	Frank B. Fidler, Shamokin
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	Third Monday	Charles L. Gridley, Westfield
266	Good Samaritan ..	1886	Gettysburg	Third Thursday	Charles W. Myers, Gettysburg
267	Coatesville	1887	Coatesville	Third Thursday	William H. Brown, Coatesville
268	Pittsburgh	1888	Pittsburgh	Second Monday	Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburgh
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Friday	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Second Tuesday	Walter M. Carwithen, Doylestown
271	Pottstown	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday	Timothy Shive, Pottstown
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale	Second Monday	Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale
273	Butler	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday	William H. Miller, Butler
274	Bangor	1891	Bangor	Third Wednesday	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor
275	Kennett	1892	Kennett Square ..	First Tuesday	James F. Mackereth, Mendenhall
276	The Susquehanna..	1892	Susquehanna	Second Friday	Ira H. Spencer, Susquehanna
277	Hazleton	1893	Hazleton	Third Monday	Ambrose W. Mason, Hazleton
278	Catasauqua	1894	Catasauqua	Second Monday	John S. Matchette, Catasauqua
279	Kane	1895	Kane	Third Wednesday	Frederick Kime, Kane
280	Cyrus	1898	Carnegie	Third Thursday	Jesse I. Penney, Ingram
281	Monroe	1898	Stroudsburg	Second Friday	David J. Griffiths, Stroudsburg
282	McKeesport	1899	McKeesport	Second Thursday	Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport
283	Connellsville	1900	Connellsville	Third Tuesday	Sam'l G. Zimmerman, Connellsville

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284	Melita	1903	Philadelphia	Second Monday	Samuel Shaw, Lansdale
285	Wilkinsburg	1904	Wilkinsburg	Second Friday	Frank H. Letterman, Wilkinsburg
286	Bellevue	1904	Bellevue	Second Friday	Howard W. Elverson, Bellevue
287	Nanticoke	1908	Nanticoke	Second Friday	Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke
288	Mizpeh	1908	Pittsburgh, N. S.	Second Tuesday	George R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N. S.
289	Valley	1908	Wilmerding	Second Friday	John T. Small, Wilmerding
290	Monessen	1908	Monessen	Second Tuesday	Andrew Ebenhoch, Monessen
291	Ezra	1909	South Bethlehem	First Friday	Frank P. Martenis, S. Bethlehem
292	Slatington	1909	Slatington	Third Monday	Peter N. Snyder, Slatington
293	Amity	1910	Athens	Second Friday	George D. Bonfoey, Sayre
294	Darius	1911	McDonald	Third Tuesday	Howell P. Williams, McDonald
295	Siegfried	1913	Northampton	Third Tuesday	George P. Stem, Northampton
296	Zebulun	1913	Blossburg	Second Wednesday	James Roy Bonney, Blossburg
297	Homewood	1913	Pittsburgh	Second Thursday	William C. Beckett, Pittsburgh
298	Milton	1914	Milton	Second Friday	Harry A. Eberhart, Milton
299	Bellefield	1915	Pittsburgh	Third Tuesday	Charles L. Hannan, Pittsburgh
300	Coraopolis	1915	Coraopolis	Third Monday	W. Elmer Cain, Coraopolis
301	Lansdale	1915	Lansdale	Third Monday	Leroy K. Tyson, Lansdale
302	Jordan	1916	Allentown	First Tuesday	Preston J. Everett, Allentown
303	Braddock's Field..	1917	Braddock	First Monday	John H. Whitfield, Braddock
304	Yorktown	1917	York	Second Thursday after 1st Mon.	Harry K. Weiser, York
305	St. Clair	1920	Dormont	Second Thursday	Willard A. Laning, Pittsburgh
306	Homestead	1920	Homestead	Second Thursday	Samuel L. Himes, Homestead Park
307	Apollo	1920	Philadelphia	First Friday	George W. Ebert, Philadelphia
308	Ivanhoe.....	1921	Philadelphia.....	Third Thursday.....	Wm. P. Wallace, Jr., Philadelphia
309	Thos. B. Anderson.	1923	Latrobe.....	Third Friday.....	Samuel B. Reyburn, Latrobe
310	Hanover.....	1923	Hanover.....	Third Tuesday.....	Calvin J. Bange, Hanover

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214	Girard	1847	Philadelphia	Second Tuesday	William G. Speier, Philadelphia
216	Excelsior	1854	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	Peter H. Brower, Philadelphia

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No.	NAME.	MEMBERSHIP					DIED	RESIGNED	SUSP.	CEASED	MEMB'R 'P 1923
		1922	MARKED	ADMITTED	RESTORED						
3	Jerusalem	1196	39	..	1	15	7	15	..	1199	
21	Perseverance	618	22	2	..	8	..	1	..	633	
43		448	23	1	..	12	..	4	..	450	
52	Harmony	1357	39	7	..	39	6	6	..	1352	
91	Columbia	1619	97	2	1	20	8	13	..	1678	
150	Washington	439	11	..	..	5	3	..	..	442
152	Reading	277	19	..	..	5	1	4	..	286
159	Schuylkill	56	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	59
161	Union	233	13	1	..	5	1	5	..	236	
162	Zerubbabel	1398	56	..	2	18	1	19	..	1418	
163	Lafayette	340	26	..	..	3	..	..	..	363
164	Brownsville	232	12	..	..	4	..	..	1	239
165	Union	287	15	..	..	3	..	..	..	299
166	Mount Moriah	133	15	..	..	1	1	..	..	146
167	Eureka	318	10	..	..	4	..	..	..	324
169	Philadelphia	283	21	..	..	3	4	2	..	295
170	Delta	430	3	1	..	6	3	29	..	396	
171	St. John's	189	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	192
172	Temple	152	7	..	..	5	4	..	..	150
173	Easton	530	36	..	3	5	..	3	..	561	
174	Northumberland	245	9	..	..	4	..	..	..	250
175	Keystone	1035	49	1	1	14	8	13	..	1051	

176	George Washington	197	16	..	..	3	1	..	..	209
177	Tamaqua	131	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	134
178	Catawissa	87	7	..	..	2	1	1	..	90
179	Eureka	275	21	..	1	3	..	..	..	294
180	Warren	92	21	2	..	1	..	..	..	114
181	Lilly	220	9	..	..	3	..	..	..	226
182	Shekinah	722	112	..	..	9	..	3	..	822
183	Oriental	1800	48	..	..	30	6	36	..	1776
185	Lackawanna	817	46	3	2	16	1	3	..	848
186	Lewistown	158	6	..	..	3	1	..	..	160
187	Oriental	124	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	130
189	Mountain	598	21	..	4	6	1	2	1	613
190	Norristown	568	13	..	..	11	2	..	..	568
191	Solomon	221	10	..	..	4	2	..	..	225
192	Urania	464	33	..	1	10	1	4	..	483
193	Duquesne	1009	30	1	1	11	..	1	..	1029
194	Tioga	117	5	..	1	3	..	2	..	118
195	Portage	588	26	1	..	7	..	..	..	608
196	Mountain City	213	33	1	..	1	1	1	..	244
197	Weidle	284	19	..	..	2	1	..	..	300
198	Phoenix	289	9	..	..	7	..	2	..	289
199	Howell	395	16	..	..	2	..	..	..	409
200	Columbus	110	..	..	1	4	2	2	..	103
201	Standing Stone	133	5	..	..	3	..	..	..	135
202	Howell	275	14	..	..	1	..	..	..	288
203	Allen	729	20	6	2	741
204	Anthony Wayne	192	12	2	202
205	Factoryville	110	26	..	1	4	133

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206	Harmony	303	7	..	1	7	2	2	..	300
207	Aaron	109	12	1	1	..	1	118
208	Germentown	643	33	1	1	13	2	5	..	658
209	Samuel C. Perkins	87	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	84
210	Great Bend	51	4	..	2	1	..	1	..	55
211	Venango	301	15	..	2	5	..	3	..	310
212	Mound	246	6	..	3	5	1	1	..	248
214	Valley	111	22	..	..	2	..	..	..	131
215	Temple	562	15	3	..	11	1	1	..	567
216	Zinzendorf	243	13	..	1	2	..	2	..	253
217	Allegheny	919	25	..	1	18	..	3	..	924
218	Bloomsburg	146	12	..	4	3	..	..	..	159
219	Griscom	163	8	..	..	4	..	..	..	167
220	Fort Washington	122	14	..	..	..	1	2	..	133
221	Tremont	85	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	81
222	Lycoming	748	37	..	..	12	1	..	..	772
223	Oxford	152	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	164
224	Corinthian	182	20	..	..	4	1	..	..	197
225	Jefferson	338	11	1	..	9	..	..	..	341
226	Siloam	621	62	3	1	11	4	6	..	666
227	Emporium	112	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	115
228	Clearfield	360	28	..	3	7	1	..	..	383
230	Elk	262	13	1	..	3	3	7	..	263
232	St. John	624	39	1	7	14	6	15	..	636
233	Kensington	684	23	..	2	21	1	10	..	677
234	Media	199	20	..	..	3	..	..	..	216

235	Occidental	237	8	..	..	6	..	6	..	..	1	238
236	Oil City	300	6	..	3	6	3	6	2	15	..	286
237	Excelsior	583	28	..	..	10	..	10	..	1	..	600
238	Newport	104	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	106
239	Danville	120	10	..	..	6	..	6	..	..	..	124
240	Palestine	916	20	..	1	19	1	19	3	3	..	912
241	Bellefonte	186	37	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	221
242	Pittston	371	13	..	2	6	2	6	1	4	..	375
243	T. B. Freeman	1055	111	2	..	41	..	41	4	8	1	1114
244	Norman	346	13	..	..	7	..	7	..	6	..	346
245	Abington	241	55	5	..	8	..	8	..	..	..	293
246	Warrior Run	205	16	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	218
247	Orient	347	17	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	360
248	Temple	475	40	1	..	8	..	8	3	2	1	502
249	Monongahela	324	18	..	1	9	1	9	2	4	..	328
250	Corinthian	481	28	2	..	5	..	5	..	3	..	503
251	Signet	500	52	1	..	5	..	5	1	4	..	543
252	Mizpah	138	5	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	140
254	Arnold	57	5	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	60
255	Bedford	120	28	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	147
256	University	2310	102	3	1	29	1	29	7	41	..	2339
257	Shiloh	693	46	..	..	17	..	17	1	5	..	716
258	Chester	501	26	..	3	6	3	6	2	3	..	519
259	Eden	197	6	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	200
260	Bradford	286	14	..	8	4	8	4	..	2	..	302
261	Troy	114	17	2	..	2	129
262	Montgomery	469	21	4	1	6	1	6	2	2	..	485
263	Coudersport	82	2	..	1	..	1	4	..	81

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264	Shamokin	267	22	4	2	283
265	Westfield	72	9	81
266	Good Samaritan	245	16	1	..	4	53	205
267	Coatesville	310	13	1	3	4	1	2	..	320
268	Pittsburgh	737	36	..	1	7	..	..	..	767
269	Ulysses	62	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	63
270	Doylestown	232	25	..	..	4	..	..	..	253
271	Pottstown	340	26	..	..	7	1	1	..	357
272	Hebron	139	43	..	1	2	..	..	..	181
273	Butler	398	16	..	1	5	2	2	..	406
274	Bangor	136	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	146
275	Kennett	146	12	..	1	2	..	2	..	155
276	Susquehanna	90	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	92
277	Hazleton	271	6	..	..	2	..	4	..	271
278	Catasauqua	182	4	..	..	2	1	1	..	182
279	Kane	134	23	1	..	6	..	3	..	149
280	Cyrus	596	43	..	..	12	3	3	..	621
281	Monroe	189	11	..	..	2	1	2	..	195
282	McKeesport	864	24	..	..	10	6	4	..	868
283	Connellsville	268	19	..	..	1	..	..	..	286
284	Melita	1149	81	3	..	11	2	10	2	1208
285	Wilkinsburg	563	30	1	6	6	..	9	..	585
286	Bellevue	418	11	..	1	5	1	4	..	420
287	Nanticoke	45	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	45
288	Mizpeh	319	16	..	..	5	2	..	..	328
289	Valley	243	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	251

290	Monessen	285	11	..	4	4	..	4	..	4	..	292
291	Ezra	214	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	254
292	Slatington	119	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	119
293	Amity	213	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	224
294	Darius	140	7	..	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	147
295	Siegfried	161	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	180
296	Zebulun	88	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	93
297	Homewood	418	49	1	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	464
298	Milton	138	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	143
299	Bellefield	322	36	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	354
300	Coraopolis	163	19	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	182
301	Lansdale	173	21	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	195
302	Jordan	312	22	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	329
303	Braddocks Field	136	10	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	144
304	Yorktown	570	44	2	..	3	44	..	..	..	..	569
305	St. Clair	246	35	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	280
306	Homestead	161	20	..	..	3	..	2	..	2	..	176
307	Apollo	230	43	5	..	3	2	273
308	Ivanhoe	93	13	5	..	1	110
309	Thomas B. Anderson	58	58
310	Hanover	94	94
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